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AXIS RETREAT GOES ON

RACE FOR WADIS IN LIBYA

POWERFUL AIR SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIES

MARSHAL ROMMEL'S Afrikakorps, again in retreat before the Eighth Army, was last night reported to be moving rapidly west from El Agheila, and, according to a Cairo message, the Germans may try a stand at Nofilia or Misurata.

Axis radio reports acknowledge the abandonment of El Agheila, but the German News Agency declares that only "loose fighting" occurred and the British suffered heavy losses.

A Cairo message last night stated that the Axis withdrawal might develop into a race for the wadis.

A feature of the British advance appears to have been the heavy pounding of Axis forces from the air. As Rommel's columns traversed the salt marsh road towards Nofilia hundreds of Allied fighter-bombers made one of the most intensive and sustained attacks of the campaign.

GERMANS WENT BY NIGHT

CAIRO, Monday.—Mobile columns of the Eighth Army—light tanks, armoured cars and motorised infantry—are to-night pursuing Marshal Rommel's forces in their rapid retreat from El Agheila. It is not yet known how far west the Germans have gone, nor whether they have been able to build defences between El Agheila and Misurata, some 300 miles further west.

It is likely that Marshal Rommel has left small covering forces and mine-laying parties to try to impede the Allied advance.

Marshal Rommel is believed to have retreated earlier than he had intended, as it was obviously his plan to delay General Montgomery's advance as long as possible, says the Press Association. Packing all the infantry he could into lorries, he pulled out under cover of darkness without offering serious resistance.

It is apparent Rommel has already withdrawn a fair distance from El Agheila. His withdrawal may possibly develop into a race for the wadis, says Reuter.

Allied 'planes are bombing and machine-gunning the Afrika Korps, which is itself receiving little air support. Axis fighters tried twice to ward off the Allied raiders, but in two engagements alone yesterday six 109's were shot down and two others damaged. The Luftwaffe thereupon appears to have given up the attempt to help the land troops.

The Axis positions were subjected to unceasing attack by the R.A.F., whose tactics were almost a complete replica of those used so successfully at El Alamein. Kittyhawks of the R.A.F. and the U.S. and Australian Air Forces bombed targets from as low as 100 feet, while Spitfires followed up in swoops on German transport.

RECORD IN SORTIES

The Axis fighter force withdrew to Nofilia, which was then heavily bombed by the R.A.F. Having thus reduced air opposition to the smallest proportions, the R.A.F. started large-scale attacks on the defence system at Mersa Brega, where trenches, dug-outs, gun-posts and other vital points were daily bombed and machine-gunned.

In yesterday's dawn-to-dusk fighter-bomber attacks British and American aircraft made more than 300 sorties—a record number for such 'planes in any theatre of war.

Fighter pilots of the Ninth U.S. Air Force participated in the fighter-bomber offensive. Over 100 Tomahawks, loaded with bombs, took off to strike at chance targets.

It is possible that Marshal Rommel will take his main forces back as fast as he is able towards Misurata, with a view to holding as long as possible a bridgehead there some 120 miles east of Tripoli.

During his retreat he will probably leave behind fairly strong rearguards to utilise the cliff-walled "wadis" to hold up the Eighth Army's forward drive.

AXIS STATEMENT

BERLIN, Monday.—Saying that German military quarters are maintaining "obstinate silence" on the Libya situation, the German News Agency stated to-night:—"It seems that Rommel has resorted to his old tactics He is not remaining immobile in good positions, but is trying his luck in movement.

"Contrary to British reports, he has again shown himself to be master of the situation."

Operations now under way in North Africa, it was added, would strengthen the Axis position there.

The German News Agency stated to night:—"This morning only loose fighting contact occurred between Rommel's securing forces and weak British patrols, which kept on coming up against well camouflaged traps and minefields.

"They suffered continual heavy losses, and are, therefore, advancing only with the greatest caution.

"Mobile Axis air formations yesterday and last night kept up their successful attacks against British supply lines in spite of the weather Fifteen twin-engined bombers were destroyed on airfields between the Egyptian frontier and Western Cyrenaica.

"Constant attacks were maintained throughout the day on British columns on the coastal road. Twenty-three lorries were hit and burned out.

"After vain and costly British attempts on December 12 to overrun Rommel's positions in Cyrenaica on a broad front with large numbers of tanks, strong infantry formations, special formations and much artillery, yesterday was entirely quiet. Occasional British harassing fire was answered by powerful fire from Rommel's heavy batteries."

CONVOY ATTACKED—Berlin

LONDON, Monday. — To-day's German communique states: "On Saturday night E-boats attacked enemy convoys off the east coast of Britain and torpedoed six merchantmen, despite extremely strong protection by destroyers. Three steamers, totalling 9,000 tons, sank immediately. One tanker of 3,000 tons went up in flames. The two other steamers probably sank. All boats engaged in the violent night encounter with the destroyers returned safely. Naval artillery, patrol boats and fighters shot down four British 'planes over the Channel and off the Norwegian coast."—(Reuter.)

LITTLE FIGHTING IN TUNISIA

ALLIED PATROLS ACTIVE

"OUR forces yesterday shelled and broke up a small enemy motor convoy north-east of Medjez-el-Bab. Otherwise activity was limited to patrolling," states a communiqué from Allied headquarters in North Africa last night.

The communiqué continues:—"Heavy bombers yesterday attacked the docks at Bizerta and Tunis; medium bombers attacked the harbour at Seusse and targets near Sfax, and fighters attacked ground targets in the southern area. Three of our aircraft are missing, but one fighter pilot is safe. Five enemy bombers were destroyed during the night of December 12-13.—(P.A.).

CONVOY SMASHED

LONDON, Monday. — Reuter's correspondent with the First Army says:—"Activity in Tunisia quietened to-day, though both sides sent out constant patrols. The Allies continue to be handicapped by the thick mud, which is hampering movement of transport. Allied artillery yesterday broke up an enemy motor convoy about ten miles north-east of Medjez-el-Bab towards Tebourba, in what was the most important engagement of the day.

"The opposing lines have been virtually unchanged since Saturday. Axis positions run from north to south, somewhat to the east of Medjez-el-Bab. During the past two days only slight contact has been made between the two forces.

A WAITING GAME

"Preparations are being made to hit the Axis lines again with much greater power than was possible during that first high-speed advance. After the bitter fighting near Medjez-el-Bab both sides are for the moment playing a waiting game, with rival patrols trying to ferret out the opposing commander's secrets."

The French High Command reported the destruction of an entire troop train between Sfax and Seusse. A spokesman at General Giraud's headquarters said that 282 out of 300 troops on the train were killed, wounded or captured when a mine exploded on the rails and French troops, hidden beside the line, machine-gunned them.—(Reuter.)

SCHOOL-CHILDREN ON HOLIDAY

RATIONING REGULATIONS

Within the next few days many parents of children attending boarding schools will experience anxiety about obtaining rationed foodstuffs for their boys and girls during the holiday period.

To obtain the tea and sugar rations it will be necessary that the boy or girl should, before leaving school, obtain from the Head the tea registration page and the unused portion of the sugar registration page from his or her ration book. These pages then may be lodged by the parent with the usual retail suppliers to the household for the period of the holidays. To obtain the butter ration for a child in the Dublin and Bray area Page F from the ration book may similarly be lodged.

This arrangement, however, applies only to boys or girls returning home from schools within the State, and to whom ration books were issued. In the case of a child returning from a school outside the State, and to whom a ration book has not been issued, application for a tea and sugar temporary permit and, where necessary, a butter permit should be made as early as possible to the Department of Supplies, Ballsbridge.

"MITEY" CUSTARD

Several County Dublin cases of seizure and condemnation of custard powder infested with mites were reported by Dr. J. A. Harbison, County Dublin M.O.H., to the County Commissioner, Mr. D. J. O'Donovan, yesterday. In other cases, he said, the analyst's report showed that the powders were liable to become unfit for human food, and traders had been warned accordingly.

Mr. O'Donovan said that he had noticed reports of a similar kind from different parts of Eire, and asked was it not possible to prosecute the manufacturers, instead of the shopkeepers, who were supposed to sell these powders in sealed packets. Dr. Harbison said that the powders of several manufacturers were involved, and he had sent in a report to the Department of Local Government.

TURKEY PRICES THIS YEAR

Turkeys will cost much the same this year as they did last year. This is the opinion of a representative of the turkey trade in Dublin, who said that if there is any difference in price it will not amount to more than about a penny one way or the other.

Turkey exports will cease on December 16th. Any turkeys which appear on the market after this date, either will have to be sold within the boundaries of Eire or will have to be put into cold storage until after the 28th of the month, when exports will be resumed.

NO EXPORT OF SUGAR

No licences have been or will be granted for the export of sugar from this country.

This was stated to an *Irish Times* reporter yesterday in the Department of Supplies when attention was drawn to rumours that sugar was being exported. Exports are prohibited except under licence, and licences will not be given, it was added.

DUBLIN'S FUEL PROBLEM

"VERY SERIOUS"

THE fuel position in Dublin was discussed at an adjourned meeting of the Corporation, last night, when a motion was passed requesting An Taoiseach to receive a deputation at the earliest possible date to discuss the very serious fuel situation in the city and contiguous populous areas.

Mr. P. Belton, T.D., said that the position was serious and had grown worse even since last week.

HIGH PRICES

Mr. M. Staines said that the turf they got would not burn without wood. He thought that the Government had failed miserably in regard to the fuel position in Dublin. The Guards and members of the L.S.F. were, he stated, being used to hold up turf lorries coming into the city, although at present no fuel could be got in Dublin. The Portrane Mental Hospital Committee had had, by Government orders, to take turf from Wicklow at an average price of 57s. a ton—in Dublin the price was 64s. a ton — while they could have got good turf from Athlone.

Alderman Byrne said that wood blocks seemed to have disappeared from Dublin. Some of the turf was very good, but some of it was very bad.

Mr. J. McCann, T.D., stated that the Government were doing their best to cope with the situation.

The Lord Mayor (Alderman P. S. Doyle, T.D.) presided.

"T.B." IN CATTLE

A letter was received from the secretary, Irish Live Stock Exporters' and Traders' Association, Ltd., requesting a refutation of the statement of Dr. Hannigan on the subject of the prevalence of tuberculosis in Irish livestock at the November Council meeting.

Dr. Hannigan, moving that the letter be inserted on the minutes, said that he stood over every figure that he had given at the November meeting, and he challenged the members of the Irish Live Stock Exporters' and Traders' Association to produce any authentic proof to the contrary. Of 7,896 cows killed at the City Abattoir in 1939, 53.3 per cent. were found to be affected with tuberculosis. The average for bullocks was 12.9 and heifers 6.6. The inadequacy of the data of the incidence of tuberculosis in cattle showed how hopelessly backward were the steps taken in this country to combat the disease. There was also a calamitous increase in the disease in human beings. He had no intention to damage the cattle trade. By getting good, healthy cattle they would be increasing trade.

A motion to insert the letter on the minutes was passed.

NEW GOVERNMENT OF MADAGASCAR

DE GAULLIST CONTROL

LONDON, Monday.—A joint statement from the British Foreign Office and the French National Committee says:—

"The negotiations between H.M Government and the French National Committee on the subject of Madagascar have resulted in an agreement, which was signed to-day by Mr. Eden and General de Gaulle.

"By the terms of this agreement the provisional military administration set up by the British authorities will come to an end upon the arrival of General Le Gentilhomme in this French possession, and the necessary provisions are made for the re-establishment of the exercise of French sovereignty over Madagascar and its dependencies under the authority of the High Commissioner appointed by the French National Committee.

"The High Commissioner will proceed as rapidly as possible with the reorganisation of the French military forces in the territories under his authority, in order that they may take as large a share as possible in their defence, and, if required, play their part in operations in external theatres of war against the common enemy."

The agreement states that, for the present, the General Officer Commanding British troops in Madagascar will be assigned the duty of ensuring the defence of the territory against an external attack. All questions which cannot be settled on the spot will be decided by agreement between the British Government and the French National Committee.—(Press Association.)

UNSIGHTLY DERELICT BUILDINGS

PLAN TO REMOVE THEM

The Dublin County Commissioner, Mr. D. J. O'Donovan, has launched a campaign to clear the county of unsightly derelict buildings. A survey of such sites has been almost completed, and owners are being notified of the measures required of them in this effort to remove eyesores which spoil the amenities of many parts of the county. Mr. O'Donovan stated yesterday that many owners had declared their willingness to take action, and some had already cleared derelict sites. Other owners, however, appeared to be awaiting the application of compulsory measures under the appropriate Act. He appealed to all owners to co-operate in this desire and to complete the work without recourse to costly proceedings.

WRECKED IN KENMARE BAY

Four times torpedoed in World War No. 1, three times shipwrecked with the loss of boats and gear in Kenmare Bay, is the brief history of Michael Mahony, aged 72 years, a well-known Kenmare fisherman. Accompanied by his mate, Joe Riney, they were on the fishing grounds during the past week in Mahony's trawler West Wind, which is equipped with sails and an auxiliary engine. When a mile from home Riney left for the shore in calm waters on Saturday, and Mahony was found on Furzy Island on Sunday morning. The West Wind, having been driven to the northern shore and dashed against the rocks, is now a complete wreck. Mahony, who was in bed, said that Kenmare Bay "has now the remains of my three trawlers. My grandfather, my father and uncle, all fishermen, were drowned in Kenmare Bay, and I must thank God that I have had such marvellous escapes from a watery grave."

MORE DEER SHOT

Eighty-six deer were shot in the Phœnix Park yesterday, some in the open and others in the corral, into which they had been driven on the previous day.

MORE DUBLIN GAS AT CHRISTMAS

PROPOSED NEW HOURS

PROVIDED there is no serious interruption in coal imports, and no unusual difficulty arising in the carrying out of normal repairs and renewals, Dublin gas users will have more gas during Christmas and the new year.

It is proposed by the Dublin Gas Co. to grant an extension of one hour's supply on and from 20th inst. This will be a permanent addition to the existing hours, which will be extended to 9.30 p.m. The company also proposes to make a substantial addition to the existing supply during the Christmas period. On December 23rd and 24th the supply will be continuous from 5.30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., whilst on Christmas Day the supply will be given from 7.30 a.m. to midnight without interruption.

The Cork Gas Co. has arranged to give a continuous supply on Christmas Day from 6 a.m. till midnight, and, in addition, the evening hours in Cork will be extended to 11 p.m. on St. Stephen's Day.

STREET LIGHTS

The Deputy City Manager, Mr. J. P. Keane, answering Alderman A. Byrne, T.D., at a meeting of Dublin Corporation last night, said that the matter of extra street lighting had been taken up with the Borough Surveyor, and, as far as he could see, the Borough Surveyor would be able to arrange additional lighting of the streets during Christmas Week.

SOCIAL PLANNING

SUGGESTED NEW MINISTRY

The suggestion that a Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare should be set up in Eire received support from prominent speakers in University College, Dublin, last night. It was made by the Auditor of the Literary and Historical Society, Mr. F. O. Meenan, in a paper on "Social Planning."

General R. Mulcahy proposed that the Auditor was worthy of the thanks of the Society, and said that the real thing to concentrate on for a better world was the welfare of children and family. In Ireland they had to concentrate on something that would lead all the people. In Ireland they had to find a spot around which there was no fear of division, and they had to find a new spirit. If a man were unemployed it should be realised that he had to be given a sufficiency for himself and his family until he could provide for them.

He believed that by facing up to the present we in this country could, concentrating on problems for the future, give a light to other peoples and show them how to realise their faith in the future.

SOCIAL REFORM

Senator Dr. R. J. Rowlette said that people of education should give their attention to these questions of social reform. It would be a mistake to make up their minds on machinery for reform at present. They had been too much hampered in the past by the imitation of what was taking place in their near neighbourhood. Some Continental countries were closer in their conditions to those of Ireland, and a committee of experts from such countries, sitting with others familiar with Irish conditions, could work out a scheme for this country. This, unfortunately, was not possible at present.

Proposing that the Society was worthy of support, the Rev. J. E. Canavan, S.J., said that this defeated world was facing enormous difficulties, and at the moment Ireland was facing the same difficulties. The national income could only be raised by planning, organisation and co-operation. It had been said that £1 per week per head was necessary to live in Ireland, and the national income was 11s. 6d. per head.

Dr. John Mowbray also spoke.

Senator Professor W. Magennis presided.

THE MEDALLISTS

The following medals were presented:—President's gold medal for oratory, Mr. F. Counihan; Society's silver medal for oratory, Mr. P. Casey; Society's silver medal for impromptu debate, Mr. W. Treanor; President's gold medal for first-year speaker, Mr. F. Counihan.

BRAY CABMAN DIES AT 93

The visit of King George V., when he was Duke of York, and his elder brother, the Duke of Clarence, to Powerscourt, Co. Wicklow, in the 'nineties, is recalled by the death, at the age of 93 years, of Mr. Mark Burke, the doyen of Bray car drivers. The two young Princes were the guests of Viscount Powerscourt's father, and a shoot was organised for their pleasure in the Wicklow mountains. Mark, who was employed at the time by Mr. Patrick Doyle in his livery establishment on the Quinsboro' road, was engaged to drive them on the occasion. He was buried in Kilmacanogue, at the foot of the Big Sugar Loaf mountain. He was to be seen on his cab at Bray railway station up to last year.

FEWER SHEEP IN CO. DUBLIN

The sheep population of County Dublin fell last year by 10,000 compared with 1940, Mr J. A. Flynn, chief veterinary surgeon for County Dublin, reported to the County Commissioner, Mr. D. J. O'Donovan, yesterday. In North Dublin the reduction was about 50 p.c., and in South Dublin about 33⅓ p.c. The Compulsory Tillage Order probably contributed to the decrease, Mr. Flynn said, but it was not the only reason, as the sheep population had been falling for a number of years. There are only 26,000 sheep in County Dublin now, compared with 46,000 some years ago.

FISHING BOAT WRECKED

What is believed to have been a fishing vessel, of about 400 tons, struck a rocky promontory known as Downeen Castle, at the entrance to Rosscarbery Bay, on the South Cork coast, yesterday, and became a total wreck. Half an hour after she struck, the craft disappeared and there are no tidings of her crew.

KING'S BIRTHDAY

King George spent his 47th birthday with Queen Elizabeth and the Princesses in the country. A small family luncheon was the only celebration. The King's birthday is officially celebrated in June.

Mr. Thomas McGreevy speaking at the opening of the Arts and Crafts Exhibition at the Dawson Hall.

DELICATE HEART OPERATION

An extremely delicate heart operation has been successfully performed, for the first time in Ireland, by a young Dublin surgeon, the *Irish Times* learns.

Constricted by adhesions, a man's heart was failing, and it was considered most unlikely that he could live. The surgeon opened the patient's chest, exposed the heart and divided all the adhesions that were hampering the heart's movements. The patient recovered, and to-day is making progress.

This operation, which was performed in the Mater Hospital, Dublin, was, it is stated, devised and first successfully performed by Surgeon O'Shaughnessy, a brilliant young Irishman engaged on research work in London, who was killed in May, 1940, at the height of his career.

The operation also has been performed on a few occasions elsewhere in the world, including the United States of America.

THE DEAD JESUIT-GENERAL

VICAR-GENERAL ELECTED

Clothed in sacred robes, the body of Vladimir Ledochowski, Father General of the Jesuits, was yesterday taken to the Francesco Borgia Basilica, to lie in state until Wednesday, Rome radio says. Throughout the day cardinals, diplomats and officials of the clergy filed past the bier.

The body will be taken to the Jesuit church on Wednesday afternoon and a Memorial Service held there on Thursday morning.—(Reuter.)

A Rome message over German radio said last night that Father Magni has been elected Vicar-General of the Jesuit Order until the new General in succession to Father Ledochowski is appointed. Father Magni is at present Italian representative in the General Curia of the Order.

DUBLIN CEREMONY

The Most Rev. Dr. McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin, will preside at the Office and Requiem Mass for the late Father-General, in St. Francis Xavier's Church, Gardiner street, Dublin, at 11 a.m. on Friday.

SHORTAGE OF SPARE PARTS

D.U.T.C. EXPEDIENTS

Some of the novel expedients adopted by the Dublin United Transport Company to overcome emergency shortages of rubber and spare parts were described by Mr. Leslie A. Luke, the company's Public Relations Officer, to the Engineering and Scientific Association of Ireland meeting in Dublin last night. Scrap material, he said, was used as far as possible for repairs and making some small parts. As an experiment, cylinder sleeves had even been made from centrifugally-cast iron water pipes. Considerable experiments had been carried out with producer gas, but it had been found here, as in Britain, that the Diesel engine was unsuitable for conversion.

Referring to the success of the company's maintenance work, Mr. Luke said that in 1937, when the company was operating the variagated petrol-engined fleet taken over from the independent operators, there was, at times, one breakdown for every 134 miles run. To-day, thanks to standardisation, good maintenance and Diesel engines, breakdowns rarely occurred more frequently than twice or thrice in a week.

U.S. HISTORIAN IN DUBLIN

Professor Henry Steele Commager, American historian, teacher and reviewer, arrived in Dublin yesterday on a short visit, during which he is to lecture at Trinity College, Dublin, on American foreign policy. He had been very pleased to learn, he told an *Irish Times* reporter, that at two Irish universities—Dublin University and Queen's University, Belfast—American history had begun to be taught as a special subject. He thought that Irish university students would find much to interest them not only in the history of the American Revolutionary period, but also in the twentieth century history of the United States.

As Ireland had been the most important source of immigration into America in the last century he thought that Irish people would have a special interest in studying how America had dealt with its immigration problem.

CORK RESIDENT KILLED

Donal Lehane, a young man, with an address at Old Blackrock road, Cork, received fatal injuries when struck by a Great Southern Railways double-decker bus at Anglesea street, Cork, last night. Apparently, the 'bus swerved to avoid a cyclist, mounted the footpath, and came to a halt in some scaffolding outside a licensed premises. Lieut. Woods, who was also struck by the 'bus, received rather serious injuries and is detained in the South Infirmary. Another person received slight injuries.

RAIDERS OVER ENGLAND

Raiding aircraft were over several areas on the north-east coast of England last night. One raider, sweeping in low from the sea, dropped bombs, which caused a number of casualties, some fatal. There was heavy gunfire from ground defences.—(Press Association.)

ALLIES CAPTURE BUNA

ALL PAPUA NOW WON BACK

Buna, Japanese stronghold on the eastern coast of New Guinea, has been captured after hard fights, states a communiqué received early this morning from Allied H.Q. in the South-West Pacific.

The port was occupied after a desperate eleventh-hour attempt by the Japanese to reinforce their troops.

The capture of Buna, after the fall of Gona some days ago, means that Papua, the south-eastern part of the island, is now entirely in Allied hands.

It is the first considerable piece of territory to be won back from the Japanese.—(Reuter.)

"I WANT A GERMAN VICTORY"

M. LAVAL'S MESSAGE

M. Laval told correspondents in Vichy yesterday:—"I must say, without any equivocation or ambiguity—I want Germany's victory. I want it so that my country will have a chance to strike at the menace and scourge of Bolshevism. I know that some people underrate this peril; they are either fools or blind. France has fallen very low, but France is still something very great. I want her to find her place in Europe. There is only one road leading to that—the road of collaboration with Germany, loyally accepted and loyally practised. This must transform the relations, long since perverted, between our two countries and create confidence.

"I shall crush without pity any resistance, any obstacle in my path which prevents me from saving France. You have known a Laval who was a legendary parliamentary figure. It is a new Laval you see before you to-day. There are several roads to be followed. I have chosen the only one which can lead to the well-being of our country. The Americans are now in Morocco, the British are in Algiers. Darlan is there too. I pity him if he has any feeling. Indeed, after the Anglo-Saxons have overwhelmed him with abuse in all their statements, Darlan is now obliged to serve them. The road of decadence is a hard one."—(Reuter.)

RED CROSS SUPPLIES

U.S.A. GIFT TO EIRE

A civic reception was accorded to Mr. David Gray, American Minister to Eire, and Mr. Justice Conor Maguire, Chairman of the Irish Red Cross Society, when they arrived in Waterford yesterday to receive the first consignment of American Red Cross supplies to reach this country. Alderman Paul Caulfield (Mayor) said that they were deeply touched by the mission on which their guests had come. It was characteristic of America that, though engaged in the greatest war of her history, she should think of Ireland's needs in Red Cross supply and should make such a magnificent contribution towards them.

Press representatives invited to report speeches given at the luncheon to the American Minister and colleagues staged a unanimous strike protest when informed that their services would not be required until "after coffee had been served."

INFANTILE PARALYSIS

CORPORATION'S ACTION

Dublin Corporation last night requested the City Manager to submit a written report to the next meeting of the General Purposes Committee stating the number of cases and the number of deaths from infantile paralysis, and what steps were being taken to provide treatment along orthopædic lines of deformities arising as complications of this disease.

Mr. J. Breen, who moved the motion, said that the matter was serious, and ought to be tackled immediately. One would have thought that the medical authorities in the Orthopædic Hospital might have been asked what help could be given to them to deal with the disease. Those authorities looked to a period of three years for the eradication of the disease, which was infectious.

The Lord Mayor, who seconded the motion, announced that the City Manager would present a report on the matter to the General Purposes Committee to-night.

PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

POSITION NEXT YEAR

The quantities of petroleum products—petrol, kerosene, fuel oil, gas oil, lubricating oil and white spirit—available in this country during the present year were sufficient to meet only the most essential needs, and should there be a reduction in imports during the coming twelve months it will have the most serious effect on transport, food production and industrial undertakings generally, as well as personal hardship for large numbers who depend on paraffin oil and lighting and heating.

The supply position in the future is extremely obscure, and no official information is available about prospects for 1943, beyond the hope that it may be possible to give domestic users one gallon of paraffin each during January—the same allowance as in the present month.

LONDON, Monday.—The German News Agency claimed to-night that a light cruiser, two destroyers and a freighter put into Gibraltar seriously damaged to-day.—(Reuter.)

RUSSIANS MAINTAIN PRESSURE

GERMAN COUNTER-BLOWS HELD

WEST of Rzhev the Russians have captured a number of strong points and penetrated deeply into the German defences, repelling many counter-attacks in four days' bitter fighting.

In Stalingrad German positions continue to crumble before incessant infantry and tank attacks, and north-west and south-west of the city the Russian lines hold firmly, while recent gains are being consolidated.

In the Caucasus there is little change in the positions, but heavy fighting continues, with varying success.

The Associated Press thus sums up the situation:—"The two great early winter battles on the Stalingrad and central fronts have developed into a deadlock, with the Germans unable to get a sustained counter-offensive going against the advanced Red Army lines."

MOSCOW, Monday. — Reuter's Correspondent here says that the position of the Germans between the Volga and the Don is deteriorating, according to reports from the front. German forces on the Abganerovo-Kotelnikovo front, with reserves of tanks and infantry from the Rostov area, have kept up ceaseless counter-attacks for the past 72 hours. While these attacks are strong, they do not appear to have the scope of a major counter-offensive, and the Russian forces, firmly entrenched, are stubbornly holding their own. In one sector German tanks temporarily succeeded in driving a wedge into the Soviet positions, but failed to establish themselves.

NEAR KOTELNIKOVO

"The Red Army has advanced almost to Kotelnikovo, and has formed a solid wall against any attempts by the Germans to break through from the south-west. Meanwhile Soviet troops have increased their pressure on the Germans north-west of Stalingrad, and inside the city itself. Soviet forces have captured a large number of new vantage points and destroyed many blockhouses. In street fighting in Stalingrad they have made fresh advances.

"On the Central front heavy fighting is going on as a result of German counter-actions west of Rzhev and near Velikie Luki. The Germans are using more and more tanks in their attempts to gain the initiative, but the terrific struggle now being fought out is still going favourably for the Red Army. In a four-day battle west of Rzhev, Red Army men hurled the Germans back and captured several of their strong points.

"In the Lake Ilmen area, between Velikie Luki and Leningrad, Soviet troops, attacking in the face of intense rifle and machine-gun fire, stormed and captured an important height. In the Western and Central Caucasus Russian troops are steadily improving their positions. The Germans remain decidedly on the defensive."—(Reuter.)

GERMAN REPORT

LONDON, Monday.—The German News Agency said to-night:—"The enemy has repeated his attempts to overrun German positions in the pass north-east of Tuapse. The attacks were repelled by German Alpine troops in hand-to-hand fighting." Reporting "lively fighting north of the Terek, in the hilly country west of the Kalmuk steppes," the Agency stated: "A group of 25 Russian tanks, striking at the flank of a salient, succeeded in penetrating our lines, but were shot up in a counter-attack." In the Don Elbow the Russians attacked with strong tank support, the Agency said, and fighting in this sector was described as "fluctuating." On the Central front Russian attacks south of Rzhev were continued. They also renewed their attacks at Demiansk fifty miles south-east of Lake Ilmen.—(Reuter.)

SOVIET COMMUNIQUE

MOSCOW, Monday. — To-night's Soviet communiqué stated:—"During December 14 our troops in the Stalingrad area and on the central front continued offensive engagements in the same directions as before. In the factory area of Stalingrad our troops cleared several enemy blockhouses and one strongly fortified nest of resistance. In the northern sector of Stalingrad six enemy blockhouses and seven pill-boxes were destroyed and one artillery battery and three mortar batteries silenced.

"North-west of Stalingrad our troops were engaged in artillery duels. Some 40 enemy blockhouses were destroyed.

"South-west of Stalingrad, German infantry and tanks, at the cost of heavy losses, succeeded in pressing our forces back. One thousand Germans were killed and eleven tanks and seven guns destroyed.

"On the central front our troops conducted offensive operations, and, in some sectors, repelled enemy counter-attacks.

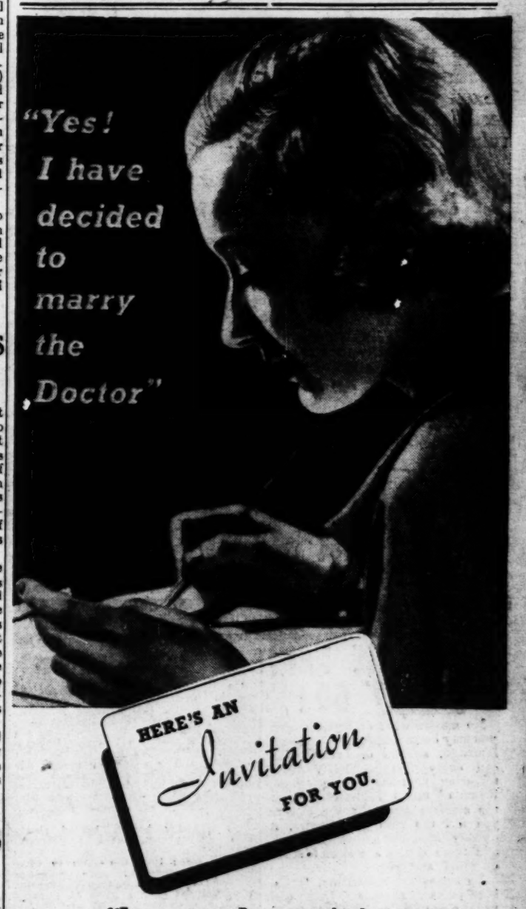
"In the area of Velikie Luki, Soviet troops fought to annihilate encircled German garrisons. South of Voronezh, our units occupied several important heights.

"North-east of Tuapse, Soviet troops gained some ground."

"West of Rzhev, German infantry and tanks launched an attack against Soviet positions. Soviet troops succeeded in cutting off the German tanks from the infantry. Two hundred of the enemy were killed and eleven tanks and other war equipment destroyed. Later the Germans threw thirty more tanks into the battle. They were met with intense Soviet fire and tried a flanking movement, but the Soviet fire checked their advance. Fifteen German tanks were destroyed and hundreds of German officers and men killed. The enemy was then forced to retreat."—(Reuter.)

RAIL TARGETS BOMBED

A British Air Ministry communiqué states: "Squadrons of fighters and bombers, operating singly, have been over Northern France and Belgium to-day, and railway targets have been attacked. No enemy aircraft were encountered. None of our aircraft is missing."



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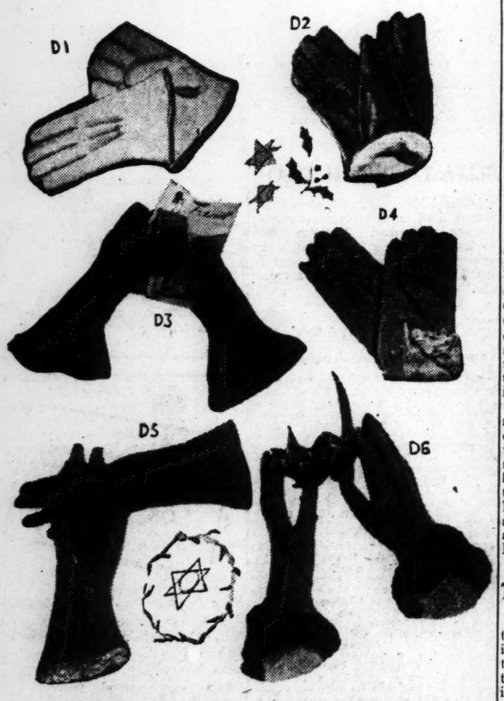

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M. C. Collins's Horses in Training

BY OUR CURRAGH CORRESPONDENT.

WITHOUT a Windsor Slipper to win another Triple Crown for his principal patron, Mr. Joseph McGrath, it is still quite possible for the Conyngham Lodge trainer, M. C. Collins—such is the strength of his stable for next season—to head the list of successful trainers once again. The classic events are, at any rate, within the scope of such as Magic Bridge and Fabulous, as well as Solar Prince, who was backward last season. Neither of those two useful money spinners, Stop It and Edvina, has engagements, and it is more than a pity about Edvina, who, probably, is entitled to be bracketed with The Phœnix for the two-year-old championship of the year.

Naturally, the greatest interest will be centred in the new two-year-olds, who are all splendidly bred, and, on looks, should make names for themselves. The majority have been entered in the chief two-year-old events that have closed to date. One is the bay filly by Colombo—Grand Peace, who has done well since arriving from Newmarket, where she was bought by Michael Collins for 2,700 gns, on behalf of Mr. Joseph McGrath. As a full sister to the mare Olein, sold subsequently at 17,000 gns., she must now be regarded as a very considerable bargain indeed.

The half brother by Umidwar to Brehon Law is racing-like, and so, too, is the full brother to Fabulous, Stop It's half brother, by Fair Trial, is distinctly promising, and a very fine colt is the brown by Blue Peter—Hallow. Edvina's half sister is a chestnut by Phideas, and bids fair to follow in the speedy footsteps of Figaro's daughter. The half brother to Cameron is by Robin Goodfellow, and a most taking chestnut colt he is.

A substantial quota of the rising two-year-olds have been bred at the neighbouring Brownstown Stud, where Windsor Slipper now holds court. Stop It and Fabulous were bred there, and they were the first to race from it. It was a happy augury for the future of the stud that the two should have turned out such good winners.

M. Wing, who has been an undoubted asset to the stable, is again retained as first jockey, while the veteran W. Barrett, who has retained so much of his old time artistry in the saddle, and the more youthful M. Hartnett, are also attached. The horses in training at Conyngham Lodge, with their ages as for 1943, are:—

Radiolegist, b. c., a, by Old Friend—Tracemond.
Cameron, b. c., 6 yrs., by Cameronian—Fleur d'Ecosse.
Royal Consort, br. g., 5 yrs., by Concerto—Queen of Essex.
Apocalypse, b. c., 5 yrs., by Hyperion—Quadriga.

FOUR-YEAR-OLDS.

Hydora, br. c., by Hyperion—Timacora.
Ballyogan, ch. c., by Fair Trial—Serial.
Mount Leinster, ch. c., by Solario—Hyndford Bridge.
Brownstown, ch. c., by Solario—Styria.
Raffin, b. c., by Truculent—Ambrosia.
Sammy's Rock, b. g., by Museum—Spion Hill.
Great Sacrifice, b. g., by Windsor Lad—Araminta.
Cause Celebre, b. c., by Fair Trial—Benevenuta Cellini.

THREE-YEAR-OLDS.

Brehon Law, b. c., by Bahram—Constant Law.
Solar Valley, b. or br. c., by Solario—Happy Valley.
Fabulous, b. f., by Hyperion—Nebular.
Still Water, b. f., by Fair Trial—Cattewater.
Solar Prince, ch. c., by Solario—Serena.
Stop It, b. or br. g., by Blanding—Slap and Tickle.
Magic Bridge, gr. c., by Mahmoud—Hyndford Bridge.
Trial Story, ch. f., by Fair Trial—Serial.
Edvina, ch. f., by Figaro—Louise.
Lissaleen, br. f., by Sir Cosmo—Grey Velvet.

TWO-YEAR-OLDS.

B. c. by Umidwar—Constant Law.
B. or br. c. by Felstead—Happy Valley.
Bl. or br. c. by Blue Peter—Hallow.
B. g. by Concerto—My Ald.
Ch. c. by Hyperion—Nebular.
B. f. by Mieuxce—Serena.
Br. f. by Nearco—Solar Flower.
B. f. by Colombo—Grand Peace.
B. c. by Colombo—Mercia.
Ch. c. by Fair Trial—Slap and Tickle.
Ch. f. by Mr. Jinks—Tracemond.
B. c. by Bois Roussel—Atbara.
B. c. by Hyperion—Tip the Wink.
B. c. by Donatello—Quick Action.
Ch. f. by Phideas—Louise.
Prickly, ch. c., by Robin Goodfellow—Fleur d'Ecosse.
Rushed On, b. c., by Windsor Lad—Tolerate.
Marie's Over, b. c., by Xandover—Marie Charm.
Divine Polly, gr. f., by Fairway—Miss Bula.
Hills of Clare, br. f., by Loaningdale—Lay Sister.
Felastera Cross, gr. f., by Sir Cosmo—Grey Velvet.

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DRUMCONDRA'S ADVANCE

THE outstanding feature of the League of Ireland matches played over the week-end was, of course, the unexpected defeat of Cork United at Dalymount Park by the only goal scored, as the loss of points and the victories of Shelbourne and Drumcondra lowered the championship and third place below the other two teams, who now are at the top with 9 points each. A comparison of the positions with those at the corresponding stage of the competition last season is interesting. Cork United then were the leaders with 11 points. Hot on their trail were the Rovers with 10, followed by Dundalk with St. James's Gate, Shelbourne, Bohemians and Limerick with 6, and Drumcondra with 5. It would be too early to indulge in prophecies, but after Saturday's match against Bohemians it is clear that Cork United are no certainty for the championship. As a matter of fact, the chances of either Shelbourne or Drumcondra are every whit as bright, but the form of the leading division has been so variable as to justify the expectation that we are going to have an even more attractive finish for the championship than last season.

Bohemians' exhibition up to Saturday had left their supporters in a state of deep despondency, but all of a sudden the amateurs staged a remarkable revival, and it was on merit that they beat the champions. The latter had their chances of winning, but had they come out on top their opponents would have been a very unlucky side, indeed. It was no excuse for the overthrow of the visitors to say that it was due to the absence of their centre half-back, Curtin. Bohemians were without their centre half-back, Byrne, who when cycling to his business on Friday was involved in a collision which, happily, had no more serious results than facial injuries. It was Bohemians' speed and keenness that pulled them through. Should they maintain their brilliant form they will be a tough proposition for the best of them as the season progresses. Still, their shooting leaves much to be desired.

Dundalk took some risk in putting Hearty, the full-back of their reserves, in goal against Drumcondra when Matier was unable to take his place, and with their crack forward, Lavery, also absent the team was struggling under a severe handicap, but against that, McNamara, Drumcondra's centre-forward, still was an absentee. The home side paid a heavy penalty, as Hearty gave a weak display. Still, the fact remained that Drumcondra played with the winning spirit, and not a little of the credit for their victory went to the ex-Bohemian, McGrane (he scored two of the four goals), and their solid and enterprising half-backs, who always had a firm grip of the home forwards.

It was speed and sparkle that turned the scale in favour of Shelbourne, at Milltown, and had Kennedy, their consistently brilliant right-winger, been in the team the Shelbourne attack would have been still stronger. As it was, the Reds' forwards had the Rovers' half-backs tied up, and the virility of the middle line had not a little to say to such a happy result for Shelbourne—in addition, of course, to the stupid mistakes made by the Rovers' defence—mistakes that gave at least three of their four goals to the winners. The superiority of Shelbourne, however, was undoubted. Too much blame has been thrown on the Rovers' forwards for the failures of the team. What they need is a half-back line composed of three men like Doherty—half-backs who can attack as well as defend. A centre forward like Young Crowe would figure more prominently if he had behind him halves who would play to him properly.

It is time that the League of Ireland took notice of the grumbling among spectators concerning those finishes in semi-darkness. Why not start all matches at least fifteen minutes earlier? It is hard on the players, particularly the goal-keepers, when the light suddenly fails, with many critical moments still to go, and it is equally difficult for spectators to follow the movements of the teams on the far side. Another matter that should be considered by the League Committee is late starts. On Sunday at Milltown the kick-off was delayed fifteen minutes because Kennedy missed his 'bus. Professional players have no excuse for turning up late. A workman must be at his job at the time allotted; transport or no transport, he usually manages to be there on time.

WANDERERS "FIND" NEW SCRUM HALF

BY OUR RUGBY FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT.

The club Rugby on Saturday was, in most cases, quite entertaining and produced a couple of rather unexpected results. Bective, with one of the best records of any Dublin team, went down to Blackrock College, who have been having a very fine time this season, and Old Wesley, after something of a crash against Clontarf the previous week, beat Dublin University, while Monkstown, at one stage of their encounter with Old Belvedere, held a lead of eleven points, only to be nosed out in the closing minutes.

Tremendous defence gave Blackrock their two points win over Bective, for the latter did almost everything except cross the line in the last twenty minutes. Considering the fact that T. Chamberlain was unable to turn out, it was a surprising effort by Blackrock, who have certainly discovered a highly successful new post for D. O'Brien. His work at full-back was excellent, but J. C. Ferris appears to be wasted in any other position except scrum-half. Bective must be hoping that D. Flanagan does not fall too much in love with soccer, for he gave the Blackrock defence constant trouble in the centre.

Old Wesley and Trinity had lots of scoring and enjoyed themselves thoroughly, while the Lansdowne-Instonians game at Lansdowne road was a good fun to watch, too, both teams throwing the ball about at almost every opportunity. Lansdowne are no longer the rather dull dogs they were in the early weeks of the campaign, and a couple of their tries on Saturday were unexpectedly clever.

Fred Moran is doing fine work for Clontarf at the moment, and he beat the Wanderers with long runs on a couple of occasions at Castle avenue. Incidentally, Wanderers have found a scrum-half of considerable promise in Doherty to replace the injured C. Fox. Indeed, the youngster is proving to be more constructive than his predecessor, who has always been inclined to too much individuality for a player in that position.

Last week I commented on the fact that Palmerston appear to have turned the corner after years of striving, and they gave a further proof of that on Saturday, when they travelled to Belfast and finished ten points ahead of the strong Malone team. This will give them further encouragement, and they will be treated with considerable respect by any team facing them in the near future.

BOXING DAY MATCH

The following are the teams for Bective-Wesley Selected XV. v. a Blackrock Selected XV., to be played at Donnybrook on St. Stephen's Day at 3.15 p.m.:—

Bective-Wesley Selected—A. Norton (St. Mary's); N. McConnell (Wesley), G. Quinn (Old Belvedere), K. Quinn (Old Belvedere), K. Doyle (Bective); E. A. Carry (Wesley), F. Wolfe (Wesley); J. J. Meagher (Blackrock), B. O'Brien (Bective), R. Gilliland (Wesley), K. O'Brien (Bective) (capt.), A. L. Alleg (Palmerston), J. Guiney (Bective), V. Aird (Old Belvedere), J. Doyle (Bective).

Blackrock Selected—J. Redmond (Palmerston); K. O'Flanagan (U.C.D.), J. McConnell (Wesley), T. Coveney (St. Mary's), T. Bergin (St. Mary's); T. Chamberlain (Blackrock), D. Thorpe (Old Belvedere); D. O'Neill (Curragh Command), E. Walsh (Curragh Command), T. Headon (Clontarf), P. O'Sullivan (Old Belvedere), H. Milroy (Clontarf), J. Glenn (Wesley) (capt.), S. Morrison (Blackrock), D. Fingerty (U.C.D.).

TRINITY COLOURS

The following have been awarded "colours" for the current season:—A. S. O'Connor (Mountjoy School), H. H. Robinson (Wesley College), D. O'R. Mayne (Blackrock College), S. D. Walsh (Mountjoy School) (capt.), A. K. Rutherford (St. Columba's College), K. McIntyre (Dungannon R.S.), H. de Lacy (Mountjoy School), W. J. Moynan (King's Hospital) (vice-capt.), R. D. Moore (St. Columba's College), S. Barnes (Armagh R.S.), F. N. Rutherford (St. Columba's College), J. A. Bradfield (Mountjoy School), R. B. Boland (Galway G.S.), W. F. Skuce (Wesley College), T. F. Roche (Ampleforth).

To-day—Wesley College Old Boys v. The School, Donnybrook, 3.45.

Dublin University Swimming Club.—Officers for the coming season:—President, Mr. J. Beckett, M.D.; Captain, F. Hill; Vice Captain, H. Robinson; Hon. Treasurer, R. Sweetnam; Hon. Secretary, D. Kearon (50, T.C.D.). Committee:—W. Ashmore, R. McCall, A. Hetreed, C. Sedgwick, D. Flood.

A Sports Review.—Gaelic football, hurling and camogie are the subjects dealt with principally in the booklet "Sports Review" written by Michael O'Hehir and published by the Dublin Press at 1/6 net. However, there also are articles on golf, athletics, horse-racing, greyhound racing and coursing.

MULCAHY'S BID FOR "HEAVY" CROWN

The first Irish championship fight to be held in Dublin for many months will take place at the Rotunda Cinema on Friday night, Chris. Cole, holder, and Pat Mulcahy meeting for the heavy-weight crown; under Mr. Brendan McKeown's promotion. Neither Cole nor Mulcahy is a heavy-weight in the "big" sense; they approximate more to cruisers—Cole is said to be a few pounds over the cruiser-weight limit—while Mulcahy has fought as a middle-weight. Without being a notable boxer, Mulcahy is an extremely hard hitter, and, more important still, has exceptional fighting spirit; so in these two respects he and Cole ought to provide more excitement than the spectators could get from any other professional boxers at present.

For a considerable time past Mulcahy has been seeking a chance of a heavy-weight title bout, and he issued this latest challenge after Cole had knocked out the Tipperary giant Jim Cully, at Dalymount Park in the summer. A result is difficult to forecast, as Mulcahy has generally proved too strong for the rather indifferent opposition at his own weight, but may not be able to hold a heavier man who can hit as hard as Cole. There is very little doubt, however, that we will see an exhibition of genuine hard hitting between two men who are considerably faster than the average heavy-weight. The bout is scheduled for 15 rounds.

The supporting programme is attractive, for Jimmy Smith, unbeaten since becoming a professional, meets Jim McCann, of Belfast, the North of Ireland bantam champion, and Sean Clancy tackles the strong Belfast middle-weight, Matt Locke. The Smith-McCann affair is billed as an unofficial championship encounter, but McCann must be an exceptional bantam if he can give away a considerable poundage to a man of Smith's ability.

CHIEF GOLF FIXTURES FOR NEXT YEAR

By J. P. ROONEY.

There is no sign of slackening off in the activities of the Leinster Branch of the G.U.I. The club secretaries have met and arranged the dates for next year's open meetings, and between April 21 and July 5 the branch tournaments will be held as usual, provided nothing occurs to cause a change of plan. No National Championship, except the Irish Professional, will be staged; but the Southern, Western and Eastern, together with the Senior and Junior tournaments and the John Lumsden Memorial Cup, will provide "Southern" amateurs with all the competitive golf they need—if there should be balls enough left to carry them through so far.

The Leinster professionals come first in the list of branch dates with the Michael Moran Memorial Cup at the Grange on April 21st, etc. Royal Dublin again will house the Senior tournament on May 11, and the week following the Junior tournament will be at Milltown, which club has been granted June 7-12 for its Irish Open Mixed Foursomes Cup, probably the most popular of all club events. June 20-21 are the dates for the East of Ireland Championship at Baltray, but nothing has been decided on regarding the John Lumsden Cup, except the date—July 5, etc. The Barton Cup is due on May 5, and here also, owing to transport restrictions, it may be necessary to revise the customary conditions. The qualifying round for the Irish Foursome Cup at Dun Laoghaire will be held on May 22, and the always popular Amateur-Professional Foursomes dates are August 22-26 at Hermitage.

HOLDERS IN FINAL OF GRAY SQUASH CUP

Fitzwilliam Club, the holders, and University Club will contest the final of the Gray Cup, the club championship of squash rackets, on a date to be arranged after Christmas.

J. V. Luce accomplished a good performance in the Fitzwilliam-Trinity tie in defeating the Irish champion, P. J. McWeeney, who led him 7-4 in the final game, but just failed to last a gruelling encounter. Details:—

Fitzwilliam, Trinity, 1.

At Fitzwilliam Club:—

P. D. McWeeney lost to J. V. Luce—7-9, 9-5, 1-9, 9-5, 7-9.
C. A. Kemp beat J. W. Tuckey—9-7, 9-1, 9-2.
T. J. O'Driscoll beat O. Lush—4-9, 9-4, 10-8, 9-2.

At Trinity College:—

W. A. Sandys beat D. A. Good—8-10, 9-7, 9-0, 2-9, 9-5.
R. K. Pilkington beat J. Moore—9-6, 9-7, 9-5.

University, 4; Stephen's Green, 1.

At Stephen's Green Club:—

W. R. Roper beat W. Hamilton—4-9, 5-9, 9-1, 9-4, 9-4.
S. E. Law lost to F. Tunney—0-9, 3-9, 9-3, 9-2, 5-9.
R. French beat A. Murray—7-9, 9-7, 9-3, 9-7.

At University Club:—

N. A. Kinnear beat T. B. Hannin—6-10, 9-9, 9-7, 9-7.
F. B. McCormick beat S. Spratt—9-3, 10-8.

FINANCIAL NOTES AND NEWS

BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Buyers were again in evidence yesterday for Home Railway stocks. Although the final dividends will not be known for another two months, they are already being discussed. Fractional increases in the dividends on some of the junior stocks, particularly Great Western and L.M.S. Ord. and L.N.E. 2nd Pref., may be possible, but are unlikely. The fact is, however, that prices have not yet settled down from the substantial rise of the past six months. The realisation that the 10 p.c. level at which the yield obtainable on junior stock stood was absurd came somewhat suddenly, and since then, with some fluctuations, the stocks have been moving upwards. Yields on the junior stocks are now between 7 and 8 p.c., but neither the market nor investors generally are satisfied that the proper valuation has been reached.

Teclanit, Ltd., owns the high-pressure lubricating process of the same name, and since its incorporation in 1934 has enjoyed prosperity. Trading profits have increased substantially, but taxation has more than absorbed the additional earnings. It has been found possible, however, to maintain the dividend at 18 p.c., to which it was raised in the preceding year. An interim of 6 p.c. was paid in May, and now a final of 12 p.c. is announced. The capital is £342,750, all in 5/- Ord. shares, quoted at 16/9.

For many years before the war British Tar Products, Ltd., added a bonus of 5 p.c. to its regular dividend of 10 p.c. War-time conditions have affected the demand for the company's products, however, and bonuses have disappeared. The dividend of 10 p.c. is repeated for the year to September 30 last, with a final of 6 p.c.

Manganese, as a hardening factor in the steel industry, has been in great demand for war purposes. Hence the prosperity which is being enjoyed by the Associated Manganese Mines of South Africa, Ltd. Yesterday it announced a final dividend of 12½ p.c., making 25 p.c. for the year (against 20 p.c.). Its 5/- shares are about 14/6, thus offering a return of over 8 p.c.

In a circular letter to small shareholders the directors of Lena Goldfields offer arrangements for realisation en bloc through the London Stock Exchange at the best market price available. They point out that recent dealings have been around 4/6 for each 2/6 share and that considerable expense will be saved by sales on this scale.

Stocks of the Anglo-Argentine Tramways Co. and the City of Buenos Ayres Tramways Co. undertakings, acquired by the Buenos Aires Transport Corporation in 1938, were active yesterday on reports that the question of the payment of a dividend by the Buenos Aires Transport Corporation may shortly be satisfactorily settled.

There has been more disposition to support some of the speculative groups. In Mines, for example, Diamond shares have been well supported, largely in expectation of a bigger dividend on De Beers Defd. In addition to some buying of Diamonds as a hedge against inflation, the huge expansion in the production of war munitions has led to a greatly increased demand for the stones for industrial purposes. Another speculative group—Oil shares—has also shown more firmness, mainly because of the more encouraging news from the Far East. Indian Tea shares have been bought, but these may be classed as investments, though, as a rule, they are a "one-way" market, for either it is difficult to buy or difficult to sell at quoted prices. Broadly speaking, Indian Tea shares are attractive on account of the current yield.

LONDON CLOSING PRICES

* Ex Dividend † Ex Rights. ‖ Ex Bonus.

BRITISH FUNDS.

Consols 2½%	81 1/16	81 5/16	3½% Conversion	106 5/16	106 7/16
Do. 4%	111 5/16	111 9/16	5% Conversion..	103¼	103¾
3½% War Loan	104¼	104⅜	2½% Land	90	92*
3% War Loan...	102 1/16	102 3/16	I.F.S. 4½% Ld	114½	116½
Funding Loan ..	113¼	113½	India 3½%	99¾	100
Victory Bonds...	113¼	114½	Local Loans	96 3/16	96 5/16
3% Conversion...	103	104	Nat. Def. 2½%..	101 1/16	102¼

BONDS—RAILS—BANKS.

Brazil 29-Yr.A..	73	Sth. Def. Ord..	22⅜ +⅛	B.A.& Western	12 —¼
Do. 40-Yr. B.	58	Do. 5% Pref..	110	Do. 4% Deb..	58½
Gt. Western...	57⅝ +⅛	Arg. Gt. W. 5% Deb.	56½ +½	Canadian Pac.	16 1/32 —3/32
L.M.S. Ord. ..	27⅜ +½	B.A. Mid. 4% Deb.	48¼*	C.Arg. 4% Deb.	43½ +½
Do. 4% Pref..	75	B.A. Gt. Sth..	11 —¼	Do. 5% Deb...	
Do. 5% Rd. Pf	101½	Do. 4% Deb..	61	1967-87	40 +½
Do. 4% Pf. '23	62	B.A. & Pac. 4% Deb....	72	Bank of Eng..	370½
L.N.E. Pf. Ord	8⅞ +¼	Can. 4½% Deb.	55½	Barclay A....	54/0
Do. Def.	4½ +¼	Do. Con 4½%. Deb.		Lloyds	56/6
Do. 1st Pref...	60			Midland	92½
Do. 2nd Pref...	30¾ +¾			Westminster ..	68/0
Sth. Pref. Ord.	7½			Do. £4, £1 pd.	86/6

INDUSTRIALS.

Austin (5/-)....	20/9	Courtaulds	45/4½ —0/3	London Brick .	53/1½
Assoc. Cement.	54/6 —0/6	Carreras 5/- ..	15/1½ +0/3	Morris	38/6 —0/1½
Babcock & W..	48/0 +0/3	Dorman L.	22/8	Murex	98/9
Baldwins	6/1½	Dunlop	33/9	Marks & S	47/9 +0/3
Brown (J.)	29/3	Distillers	83/6	P. & O. Def. ..	33/0
B.S.A.	23/6	Elec. & Mus...	17/10½	Rolls Royce ..	100/0
Bleachers	8/6 —0/1½	English Cotton	35/7½	S.A. Breweries.	121/0
Brad. Dyers ..	14/6	Ever Ready	35/6	Stewart & L..	50/0
Brit. Celanese.	15/9 —0/3	Ford	31/6 +0/1½	Sudan Plants..	36/0
B.A. Tobacco..	99/4½ —0/7½	Fine Spinners..	16/0	Thomas (R.) ..	8/7½ +0/3
Beecham	37/6*	Gallaher	6¼	Tob. Sec. T....	66/0
Do. Defd.	13/0	Guinness	115/3	Tate & Lyle ...	66/9 —0/3
Boots Drug	38/6	Gen. Electric..	85/6 —0/3	Triplex	30/9
Braz. Trac.	19½ —3/32	Harrods	44/6 +0/6	Tube Invest...	89/6
Brit. Alum.	43/0 +0/3	Hudson's Bay..	25/3	Turner & N. ..	74/6 +0/3
Brit. Plstr. Bd.	26/10½ —0/1½	Hawker Sid....	19/0	United Steel ..	25/9 +0/1½
Br. P. Cement.	82/6	Harland & W..	15/6	United's South.	77/6*
Bass	158/9 —0/3	Imp. Tobacco..	77/32 +3/32	Utd Molasses	29/4½
Brit. Insulated	100/3 +1/0	Imp. Chemicals	36/6	Vickers	18/1½
Const Lines ..	14/6	Ind. Coy. Def..	14/6	Wall Paper Df.	32/6
Cab. & W. Ord.	75½	Leyland	68/0	White Tomkins	41/6
Calico Print..	12/4½	Lever	33/3 +0/3	Wafney Def ..	74/9 +0/3
Coats	41/4½	Lever N.V.	29/3	Woolworth	59/1½ +0 1/2

MINES.

Ashanti	53/9 +0/7½	Libanon	11/3	Anglo-Iranian	78/1½ +0/7½
Bibiani	19/9 +0/3	Luipaards	14/6	Attock	42/6 +0/6
Blyvoor	41/9	Marievale	22/9 —0/3	Burmah	53/9
Brakpan	25/7½	Modderfontein	13/9	Can. Eagle	10/6
Chartered	24/10½ —0/3	Rhod. Aug. A.	14/9	Mex. Eagle	11/3 +0/1½
Cons. Afr. Sel.	14/9	Rhodesian Sel	13/6 +0/3	Shell	64/4½ +0/7½
Cons. G.F.	41/3 —0/6	Rhokana	6¾ +⅛	Trin. Lease ..	75/7½
Crown	9½	Rio Tinto	11½	Do. Pet. Dev.	65/0
Daggafontein..	12 29/32	Selec. Trust ..	16/3	Anglo-Dutch ..	14/0
De Beers	10½ +⅛	S.A. Land	80/0	Anglo-Malay ..	6/7½
Durban Deep..	3⅛ +1/16	Venterspost....	28/1½	Highlands	11/3
East Geduld ..	3⅛	Victoria Falls	9/0	Kuala Lumpur	13/6 —0/6
E. Rand Prop.	39/4½	Vogelsfontein..	26/10½	Malacca	9/0
Geduld	7¼	West. Holding	17/3 +0/1½	Malayalam	32/6
Govt. Areas...	36/3	West. Reefs...	44/6 +0/3	Rubber Trust.	18/0 —0/3
J'burg Cons..	45/0	West. Springs	30/0	U. Sua Betong	25/0 —0/6
Langlaagte ...	7/6	West Wit.	6⅜ +1/16	Utd. Serdang..	1/8¼

OILS—RUBBERS.

GOOD BUYING OF INDUSTRIALS

There was a good accumulation of week-end orders on the Dublin Stock Exchange yesterday, and the markets started the week in brisk fashion. There was good buying of Irish Industrials, which produced a number of strong features. British Industrials also displayed firmness, although trading was not extensive.

Home Government Funds continued to attract attention, but the 2nd National Loan drooped to 115¼, and Financial Agreements Loan fell 10/- to 110. Other issues were well maintained and 4½ p.c. Land Bonds advanced 7/6 to 116. British Funds were busy, but easier for choice, and 3½ p.c. War Loan gave way to 104⅛.

Banks held steady to harder, and Hibernians rose to 47/9 and Nationals to 45/3. Guinness Units lacked interest and slipped back to 115/6. Distillers Ord. firmed up to 84/3.

In Rails, Great Northern Ord. rose to 27½, but the Pref. fell 12/6 to 47½. Great Southern Pref. and Guar. held steady; Dublin Transport Ord. were lowered to 20/7½, but Alliance Gas Ord. recovered to 21/-.

Ranks (I.) Ord. and Pref. shed pence, but Todd Burns Pref. advanced 1/- to 77/-, and Switzer Deb. tended higher to 10½. Land J. Burke Ord. relapsed 5/6 to 4/-, but the Def. hardened to 2/8½.

Carroll Pref. moved up to 26/6, and J. Crean Ord. improved to 7/10½, but Clondalkin Paper Ord. shaded off to 6/1½. Findlater Deb. jumped 2/- to 97/-, and Heiton Pref. 3/6 to 82/6.

Irish Tanners Pref. were raised 1/- to 27/6, while L. Jordan Ord. spurted 6/- to 30/-, and the Pref. gained 1/- at 22/-. Thwaites Ord. made headway to 70/-, x.d., but May Roberts (I.) Ord. declined to 47/6. The rest of the Irish Industrial group made a steady showing.

Tobaccos enjoyed support, and B.A.T. Ord. advanced to 100/- and Imperials closed pence better at 145/6. Courtaulds drooped to 45/3, and British Celanese Ord. quoted 16/-. Marks and Spencer "A" Ord. were dealt in at 48/3, and Woolworth Ord. closed below the best at 59/3.

NULLITY SUIT IN DUBLIN

Mr. Justice Martin Maguire, in the High Court, Dublin, yesterday, reserved judgment in a suit in which Ernest Mitchell, Kirkleston Drive, Bloomfield, Belfast, petitioned for a decree of nullity of his marriage to Sheila May Mitchell, who formerly had resided with him at "Lindau," Killiney Hill road, Ballybrack, Dublin.

The parties, it was stated, had been married at Sandford Parish Church on April 5, 1939.

Mr. Carson, K.C., and Mr. Pringle (instructed by Messrs. McCracken and Son) appeared for Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. McGuckin, K.C., and Mr. Tobias (instructed by Messrs. Porter, Morris and Co.) for Mrs. Mitchell, who had not filed an answer to the petition.

WOOL

BRADFORD.—Exporters of woven wool goods and blankets have received their allocations for the various markets from February to May allocation period. This clears the way for the negotiation of new business with overseas customers. Individual firms report a sharp reduction in quantities to be exported in comparison with present allocation period.

GOLF CLUB NOTICES

Newlands.—Turkey mixed foursomes—E. J. Cullen and Miss P. O'Connor (10½) and F. T. Twamley and Miss J. Drake (9½

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

GAIETY THEATRE. Nightly at 7.15. Matinee Sat., 2.30. Dublin Musical Society Presents "ROSE MARIE." A Romance of Canadian Rockies. With EILEEN CAGNEY, LEO MAGUIRE, T. A. DELANEY, ERINA BRADY. Booking Open Daily, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

CHRISTOPHER LYNCH CONCERT, Gaiety Theatre, Sunday, January 24th, at 7.30 p.m.

OLYMPIA THEATRE. NIGHTLY AT 7.30. Ireland's Greatest Comic, Harry Bailey, in "THIS IS IT," with a Galaxy of Favourites. Commencing Boxing Day at 2.30: EDGAR BENYON presents the Magical Pantomime, BAM-BOO-ZALEM. Booking Office Now Open, 10.30-6, 7.30-9. Tel.: 22962.

ABBEY THEATRE At 7.30 p.m. "THE CLANCY NAME." "CHURCH STREET." By Lennox Robinson. (Last Week.)

GATE LONGFORD PRODUCTIONS. To-night at 6.45 (Exactly), ANEW McMASTER in "OTHELLO." By WILLIAM SHAPESPEARE.

METROPOLE To-day at 2.5, 4.35, 7.0, 9.30. Richard Travis and Brenda Joyce in "THE POSTMAN DIDN'T RING." Also Lynn Bari in "THE NIGHT BEFORE."

GRAFTON Continuous, 2 to 10.30 2.20, 4.35, 6.45, 9.0. Douglas Fairbanks—Valerie Hobson "JUMP FOR GLORY," With Esme Percy and Alan Hale.

THEATRE DE LUXE Dublin's Super Cinema. 3-10.30 p.m. Denis O'Keeffe and Gloria Dickson in "AFFAIRS OF JIMMY VALENTINE." Roy Rogers: "RED RIVER VALLEY."

ASTORIA DUN LAOGHAIRE At 4.29, 6.55, 9.24. Gloria Jean, The Andrew Sisters in "WAKE UP AND DREAM." Also "TOUGH AS THEY COME."

CORINTHIAN. Harry Langdon and Charlie Rogers, "DOUBLE TROUBLE," 2.25, 4.47, 7.1, 9.35. Neil Hamilton in "TOO MANY WOMEN," 3.36, 6.0, 8.24.

Fear Caoimhin

PRIZE-WINNERS' CONCERT, 'ARCHBISHOP BYRNE HALL, HARRINGTON STREET, ON TO-MORROW (Wednesday), 16th DECEMBER, Commencing at 7 p.m. ADMISSION, 1/-.

GUILD OF IRISH ART WORKERS CHRISTMAS SALE ALL THIS WEEK, DAWSON HALL, 42a DAWSON STREET. DECEMBER 15-19. 10—6.

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ROYAL Film: 2.15, 5.45, 9.5 Show: 4 o'c., 7.35 *The Mirth Explosion.* HENRY FONDA, OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND, "THE FEMALE WINS." Eugene Pallette, Jack Carson. 10th Ed. "ROUND AND ABOUT." Frank O'Donovan, Molly O'Connor, Austin Ahearne.

REGAL ROOMS At 2.40, 4.52, CINEMA. 7.5, 9.18. Retained 3rd Week. "TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI." In Technicolour. With Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, Randolph Scott.

SAVOY At 2.0, 4.22, 6.44, 9.0. *(The Dramatic Comedy Hit!)* HENRY FONDA, LUCILLE BALL, in "THE BIG STREET."

ASTOR. RETAINED. CHARLES LAUGHTON In Alexander Korda's "REMBRANDT." His most brilliant starring rôle. With Gertrude Lawrence and Elsa Lanchester. At 2.45, 4.50, 7.0, 9.5.

CARLTON At 2.50, 5.0, 7.10, 9.20. *Romance! Songs! Fun! Colour!* "SONG OF THE ISLANDS." Starring BETTY GRABLE. Victor Mature, Jack Oakie, Thos. Mitchell

CAPITOL TO-DAY AT 2.45, 4.56, 7.7., 9.18. Glenn Ford and Penny Singleton in "GO WEST, YOUNG LADY." FRIDAY: "ALICE IN WONDERLAND." Restaurant and Lounge Open till 11.30.

ADELPHI Showing at 2.44, 4.55, 7.06, 9.17. A Riot of Comedy! BUD ABBOTT and LOU COSTELLO In their first for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. "RIO RITA."

PAVILION DUN LAOGHAIRE At 3.55, 6.25, 8.55. BETTE DAVIS, JAMES CAGNEY in THE BRIDE CAME C.O.D. Thursday:—Ginger Rogers in Roxie Hart.

REGENT CINEMA, BLACKROCK. Fredric March, Loretta Young, with Robert Benchley in "BEDTIME STORY." And "THE STORK PAYS OFF."

QUEEN'S. ANOTHER SUPER VARIETY SHOW, plus LOCAL TALENT, on parade at 4.30 and 7.30. Screen: Shirley Temple in "MISS ANNIE ROONEY." Showing at 3, 6, 9.15.

GREEN.—DAVID NIVEN, OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND, "RAFFLES." Also "DAYS OF JESSE JAMES" and "LOUGH CORRIB." Times of Showing: 4, 6.40, 9.20.

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATUTORY NOTICES TO CREDITORS. In the Goods of WILLIAM JOHN HAUGHTON, late of "Burtn House," Carlow, in the County of Carlow, Merchant, Deceased. Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22 and 23 Vic., Cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors of or to have any claims against the Estate of the above Deceased, who died on the 7th of April, 1942, are hereby required to furnish particulars of such claims on or before the 12th day of January, 1943, to the undersigned Solicitors for the Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland, the Executors of said Deceased, to whom Probate of said Will was granted on the 28th of October, 1942, forth of the Principal Registry of the High Court of Justice, Eire. And Notice is hereby further given that, after the said 12th day of January, 1943, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have had notice. Dated this 12th day of December, 1942. MALCOMSON and LAW, Solicitors for said Executors, Court place, Carlow.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS. CECILIA JULIA FETHERSTONHAUGH BRISCOE, late of Vaulstra, Enniskerry, in the County of Wicklow, Spinster, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Statute 22 and 23 Vic., Cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be Creditors or otherwise to have any claim against the Estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 18th day of June, 1942, ARE HEREBY REQUIRED on or before the 15th day of January, 1943, to furnish in writing, particulars thereof to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executor, to whom Probate of Deceased's Will was granted on the 2nd day of November, 1942, and Notice is hereby given that, after the 15th day of January, 1943, the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to the claims and demands of which notice shall have been given as above required. Dated this 14th day of December, 1942. T. W. HARDMAN & SONS, 14 Molesworth street, Dublin, Solicitors for Executors.

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IRELAND 10,000 YEARS AGO

When did insects first come to Ireland? Dr. Bryan P. Beirne, in a lecture on "The Distribution and Origin of the British Lepodoptera," held in the Royal Irish Academy, Dawson street, yesterday, said that most of the insects entered the British Isles about 10,000 years ago, during two different periods, both following the Great Ice Age, when most of the fauna was wiped out. The sea level was then much lower than now, so that Ireland and England were connected to the continent by dry land.

Dr. D. B. Quinn, in a lecture on "Government Printing and the Publication of the Irish Statutes in the Sixteenth Century," said that it was not until 1600 that a competent Government printer, John Francton, was at work in Dublin. A small selection from the Statute Book of 1572 was printed in London in 1576, and the only surviving copy of it is in Trinity College Library. When a further Parliament was held in 1585, its Acts were also printed in London in 1586. Two copies of these Acts survive, one in Trinity College and one in Harvard University.

ARTIFICIAL MISTLETOE

Owing to the ban in England on the transport of flowers, Eire this Christmas will have to depend virtually on her own supply of mistletoe. Irish mistletoe, however, besides being scarce and dear, is not much use because of the weakness of the berries. Shopkeepers, working months ahead of schedule, have made possible a supply of artificial mistletoe from England, and, as a leading city florist told an *Irish Times* reporter yesterday, "It serves its purpose well enough." Small sprays will cost about threepence each, and the larger sprays will be a shilling each. Irish mistletoe will cost about three or four times that price, and will not be displayed in the shops until near Christmas Day.

DEATH.

LESTER—December 13, 1942 (suddenly), at his residence, "Ashbrook," Glenburn Park, Belfast, Jacob W. Lester. House and funeral private.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

AN ROINN TALLHAIDHEACHTA. Brainse Iascaigh. SALMON FISHERIES. IMPORTANT NOTICE TO EXPORTERS. The Minister for Agriculture has received an intimation that, in continuation of the arrangement which prevailed during the greater part of the salmon season, 1942, with regard to the import of salmon into Great Britain, the British Ministry of Food will, THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SALMON SEASON OF 1943, be the sole purchaser and will guarantee payment in respect of all salmon received in good condition.

The following is a summary of the arrangements:—

(1) The export of salmon, except under special export licence, will be prohibited.

(2) The special export licences will be issued by the Minister for Agriculture, who will specify certain conditions which must be strictly complied with by each licensed exporter.

(3) The Ministry of Food will pay for each consignment within the minimum period of twelve days at the following rates:—

(a) For all salmon leaving port in Eire up to and including 30th January, 1943, and reaching its destination in sound condition carriage paid—
5s. 6d. per lb., plus 3d. per lb. bonus for high quality.

(b) For all salmon leaving port in Eire on and between 1st February, 1943, and 15th May, 1943, and reaching its destination in sound condition carriage paid—
3s. 6d. per lb., plus 3d. per lb. bonus for high quality.

(c) For all salmon leaving port in Eire on and between 17th May, 1943, and closing date of season, and reaching its destination in sound condition carriage paid—
2s. 4d. per lb., plus 3d. per lb. bonus for high quality.

(4) The number of licensed exporters for 1943 will be the same as for 1942, and those by whom licences were held will be entitled to apply for a renewal thereof at the fee of £12 (twelve pounds) as charged in 1942. Applications for renewal, accompanied in each case by the remittance of £12, should be made forthwith and should be addressed to:—
The Secretary,
Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch),
Kildare Place,
Dublin.
No such application can be considered unless received not later than the first post on Tuesday, the 22nd December, 1942.

(5) Exporters not granted licences may arrange to consign their salmon through the licensed exporters.

D. TWOMEY, Secretary.

14th December, 1942. W.H.Co. C 2773.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CORPORATION OF DUBLIN. NOTICE TO HOUSEHOLDERS. Employés of the Corporation are strictly prohibited from soliciting Christmas Boxes. Householders are accordingly invited to co-operate in securing observance of this regulation by furnishing particulars, in writing, to the undersigned of any instances of this practice coming within their personal experience.

P. J. HERNON, City Manager and Town Clerk. City Hall, 14th December, 1942. B 3878. W.H.Co.

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1908, 1924. And in the Matter of THE RIALTO LIME COMPANY, LTD. (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION). At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company, duly convened and held at 1/3 Westmoreland street, Dublin, on Thursday, December 10th, 1942, the following Special Resolution was duly passed:—

"That the Company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business, and that it is advisable to wind up, and that Dermot L. Shortall, F.C.A. (of the firm of Kevans and Son), be appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up."

Dated the 14th day of December, 1942. DERMOT L. SHORTALL, F.C.A., Liquidator. JOSEPH BARRETT, Solicitor, 15 Eustace street, Dublin.

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1908, 1924. And in the Matter of THE RIALTO LIME COMPANY, LTD. (IN VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION). Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 188 of the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Kevans and Son, 1/3 Westmoreland street, Dublin, on the 30th December, 1942, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Dated the 14th day of December, 1942. DERMOT L. SHORTALL, F.C.A., Liquidator. JOSEPH BARRETT, Solicitor, 15 Eustace street, Dublin.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Residents of the RATHGAR PARISH COUNCIL AREA will be held on THURSDAY NEXT (DECEMBER 17th, 1942) at 8 o'c. IN THE LECTURE HALL, CHRIST CHURCH, RATHGAR. The President of the Council, Rev. Dr. J. Fitzpatrick, C.C., in the Chair. A report of the work done by the Council during the year ended October 30th last will be submitted. Business to be transacted will include the election of a new Council.

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TUESDAY, DEC. 15, 1942.

El Agheila

"Sensational" news comes once again from North Africa. Until Saturday the Allied and Axis forces were glowering at each other across a "no man's land" in the neighbourhood of El Agheila, which stands just between a great depression and the sea, at the most southern point in the curve of the Bay of Sidra. Field-Marshal Rommel had retreated to this eminently important position, and it was not anticipated that he would retire any further; for, from the point of view of modern troops, it is the most noticeably defensible position in North Africa to the west of El Alamein, from which he had been driven several weeks ago. The whole world expected that this would be the scene of the next battle of real importance. Field-Marshal Rommel is far too sound a general to make any attempt to defend an indefensible position, and it seemed certain that he would fall back upon El Agheila; but the universal expectation was that he would make a final stand there, and would retreat no farther. All anticipations have been belied. On Sunday morning it was reported from Axis sources that the Allies had launched a strong attack against his positions at El Agheila, and yesterday morning the news arrived from a Cairo *communiqué* that Field-Marshal Rommel had retired from his positions, and was in rapid retreat towards the west. What will happen next is unknown. There is no other position of anything approximating to the strength of El Agheila for very many miles to the west, and it is not expected that the German leader will stop until he has reached Misurata, in the heart of Tripolitania. There is no certainty, for that matter, that he will stop even there—or that he will not stop at a nearer point. The one safe deduction from the events of recent weeks is that the Allies have departed from their regular policy of "sending a boy on a man's errand," and that they have despatched against Marshal Rommel a force which is capable of keeping him persistently on the move. It is conceivable that their attack is being delivered from the unexpected end. When the assault was directed against Western North Africa, some weeks ago, a proportion of the forces under General Eisenhower's command was diverted through the south region of Tunisia, apparently, to strike Marshal Rommel from behind. Those troops have not made rapid progress; but it may be that the Allied intention was not to bring them eastward against Marshal Rommel, but rather to drive Marshal Rommel westward upon them. At all events, if the suggestion of Axis commentators that Marshal Rommel intends to fall back upon Misurata is correct, he will find himself not more than two hundred miles from the Allied troops who were last reported on the boundaries of Tunisia, and presumably are further east by now. If so, there no longer will be two campaigns in Africa, but one campaign, and the Axis forces will find themselves, for the first time in very many months, not the attacker, but the attacked. Sooner or later, as we imagine, another of the world's great battles will be fought on soil which already has seen more than one of them—the soil of Carthage.

University Education

While the reform of primary and secondary education after the war has been the subject of discussion, both official and unofficial, for the past year, the recently-published interim report of the special committee of the British Association for the Advancement of Science is the first contribution of weight upon the question of university education. The report stresses clearly that the aim of university education must be to assist the student in working out a philosophy of life, and only secondly to provide specialised training in individual subjects. The proposal that entrance examinations and scholarships should take into account character as well as scholastic attainments is subservient to this doctrine. Also, special weight is attached to international collaboration and the free interchange of ideas. It may be that this report, with many another more important "scrap of paper," will be ignored when the time comes for actual reforms to be made, on the ground that circumstances have altered. It seems more certain of consideration, however, than the more far-reaching reports, because it is consistent with the minimum of change in social arrangements. General educational reform can be brought about only together with a sort of social revolution; but the universities can be replanned within themselves, and some steps of importance can be taken even when "there's a war on." Not least important, for Ireland, is the connection of the university with international affairs. There was, at the outset, a mistake in planning the university education of this country. There existed an ancient and famous institution, the guardian of the old culture—the international culture—of Ireland. There was established by its side a new foundation, into which was turned the native vigour of a country fighting for, and winning, political independence. The two ingredients for a first-class university system existed, and they were kept carefully apart. In time, as was to be expected, they have grown farther apart. We now have two universities. One of them has its eyes turned abroad to such an extent that a great proportion of its graduates leave the country, and the other has its eyes turned inward to such an extent that it cannot be called "universal" at all. It is doubtful whether, at this stage, a union of the bodies would effect a blending of the qualities in such a way that one fine university would result. At any rate, the proposal is viewed with favour by neither party, and a union would be a matter of a struggle for ascendancy and not a willing co-operation. Until considerable changes are made, however, we will continue to have one of our Irish universities a university, but not wholly Irish, and the other Irish, but not wholly a university.

Holly and Mistletoe

It is cheering to learn that there will be no shortage this year of holly and ivy—so long as they can be transported—for they will be needed to brighten up a season that can scarcely be expected, in any case, to be as festive as of yore. In regard to mistletoe, a more serious problem arises. It appears that while there will be supplies of the magical plant, they will be by no means adequate to the normal needs of the city. This raises a point of major importance. If there are to be fewer kisses, how are they to be distributed? Manifestly, it would be unfair to allow any individual or section of the community to make a "corner" in the supply of kisses for the whole city. There are, even in Dublin, unscrupulous financiers who would be ready to buy up the whole stock of mistletoe, and to sell it at the most exorbitant prices—black market profiteers who would have no hesitation in depriving of kisses altogether anybody unable to pay ten times the market price for a twig. One way only exists of dealing fairly with all citizens, and that is rationing. Here a difficulty arises. To give an allowance of mistletoe to every holder of a ration book would be not only impracticable, but undesirable. There would be an unnecessary duplication of the service, with a consequent diminution of the ration, involved in issuing a ration to both men and women, while juvenile ration-book holders might be induced to develop far too early ideas not unconnected with the motion-pictures. If the mistletoe were issued to girls only, it would enable them to hang the bough in the usual convenient place, and to sit under it in the usual convenient position with the usual expression of innocent unawareness. On the other hand, there would be considerable waste, in the case of the girls who did not bother to hang it up at all. If it were issued to men, it would put them in far too favourable a position, since every man would be turned into a sort of privateer, able to fall upon his prey at any time under the protection of his mistletoe, able to pursue, but not to be pursued. Perhaps, after all, it is better to trust to natural distribution. We may be comforted by the thought that anybody who really wants to kiss will not need mistletoe anyway.

SIR ROBERT PAUL and his daughter, who spent last week in Dublin, have returned to Waterford.

Archdeacon Pratt has arrived in Dublin from Enniskillen, and is staying at the Royal Hibernian Hotel.

The Lord Mayor will present the prizes to-night at the Printing School of the Bolton Street Technical School.

Mr. Harold Simberg, guest artist of the Dublin Grand Opera Society, returned to England yesterday from Dublin.

Mrs. MacElligott has returned to Oughterard House from Dublin.

Mr. Francis ffrench Davis has returned to England. Mrs. ffrench Davis is remaining in Ireland.

Dr. Bryan Kennedy has taken up residence at "Carnalea," Whitshed road, Greystones.

Switzers have received an interesting collection of "Berkertex" Wool Frocks in lovely pastel shades, with short sleeves. Expressly designed for All-day Wear. Sizes 37" and 39" only.

At Pims of George's street, Gor Ray Skirts and other good tailored styles in all colours and sizes now in stock (10 coupons). These make most welcome and useful Christmas presents.

Swirling, skirling Sports Skirts in gay, whimsical colours, with lasting razor-sharp pleats . . . and a label that says "Jax." From all stores.

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Evening Gown in black crêpe décolletage bordered with white petals, at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street. "Gift Tokens" issued at all prices.

A pair of slippers make a delightful Christmas gift. See the large range at Stephens & Bourke, Ltd.

Our Boys' are at present showing a big selection of High Grade Clothing and Outfitting, suitable for the boys, youths, and young man at keen prices. so shop early and take advantage of this large collection.—24 Wicklow street.

Visit Elizabeth Nolan's Treasure Box of Gifts. South King St., opp. Gaiety. Exquisite Chinese Silk Lingerie. Linens. Novelties.

Sharpley's, Specialists. Baby Linen. Nursery Accouchement Sets. Price List.—2 Nassau street, Dublin.

ARTISTS IN INDUSTRY

It has taken since the last World War for manufacturers to realise that good design is better than any amount of decoration, that good design is governed by fitness for purpose and the special qualities of the materials used, and that good design sells, said Rotarian Fergus O'Sheehan, speaking at the Rotary Club luncheon in the Gresham Hotel yesterday. Prior to this war, he continued, there was an ever-growing demand for trained artists in industry, and educational authorities and art schools prepared special courses to train people to fill this demand. In this country the National College of Art now devotes special attention to commercial art courses, which previously were the concern of the technical schools.

He spoke of the gradual acceptance of the poster designer as an artist, and mentioned the various ways in which the artist helps the manufacturer to sell his goods.

Rotarian T. R. Sparks, who spoke to the paper, said that he thought one of the effects of the war would be to do away with a situation in which people buy 1½lbs. of chocolate in a fancy box rather than 2lbs. of chocolate in a plain one for the same price.

ON THE WIRELESS

IRISH PROGRAMME

6.0 — "Cam-Chuarta i n-Eirinn" — curtha i dtreo do'n Radio i dteannta le Ceol le Cormac Mac Fhionnlaoich. 6.40—Stock Exchange. Sports Results. Official Announcements. 6.45 — News. 7.5—Sacred Music by the Children's Choir, St. Michan's Church, Halston street, Dublin. 7.25—"Taidhbhse an Bhaisin"—Nua-sgeal le Seumas O Maonnin, 'sa leigheamh ag Diarmuid O hAlmhain. 7.45—"Famous Airs from Unfamiliar Operas" 8.5—"Poems of Irish Places." Austin Clarke. 8.25—Irish Radio Orchestra (Guest Conductor: Dr. Vincent O'Brien). 9.0—"Famous First Nights"—Handel's "Messiah"—A Running Commentary. Presented by Labhras Mac Murchadha. 9.30—Rita Lynch (soprano). 9.45—"Ag Gabhail do Mhoin"—Padraig O Nuatain. 10.0—Nuacht. 10.10—News in English. 10.30—"Military Bands."

B.B.C. PROGRAMME

7.0—News. 7.15—Records. 7.30—Exercises. 7.50—Tune for To-day. 7.55—"Lift Up Your Hearts!" 8.0—News. 8.15—The Kitchen Front. 8.20—"Let Us Be Gay." 9.0 Organ. 9.30—"Delivering Locomotives to Turkey." 9.35—Records. 10.5—Schools. 10.15—Service. 10.30—"We present . . ." 10.45—"Wise Housekeeping." 11.0—Schools. 11.40—"Two's Company." 12.0 — Schubert. 12.30—Workers' Playtime. 1.0—News. 1.15 American Commentary. 1.30—English Organ Music. 2.0—"The Man Who Believed in Fairies." 2.35—"Smilestones." 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30—Evensong. 4.0—"Southern Serenade." 4.30—"Shakespeare and the Orchestra." 5.0—News in Welsh. 5.30—Children's Hour. 6.0 News. 6.30—News in Norwegian. 6.45—Scottish Half-Hour. 7.15—"Fuel." 7.25—"Rocky Mountain Rhythm." 7.55—Choir. 8.15—Transatlantic Brains Trust. 9.0—News. 9.25—To-night's Talk. 9.40—Orchestra. 10.10—Service. 10.30—"The Voice That Killed." 11.5—"The Geraldo Music-Shop." 11.35—"The Great Victorians. 11.45—Scarlatti. 12.0—News.

FORCES PROGRAMME

6.30—"Reveille!" 7.0—News. 7.15—Records. 7.30—Rhythm on Records. 8.0—News. 8.15—"Let Us Be Gay." 9.0—Organ. 9.20 — Orchestra. 10.0 — "It Mustn't Happen Twice." 10.15—Welsh Programme. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—Dvorak. 11.20—Jack Payne. 12.15—Plantation Songs. 12.30—Workers' Playtime. 1.0—News. 1.15—"Monday Night at Eight." 2.15—"Follow the Drum." 2.45—Baritone Songs. 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30—Orchestra. 4.0— Southern Serenades." 4.30—"Heather Mixture." 5.0—Henry Hall. 5.25—The World at War. 5.45—John Hilton.. 6.0—News. 6.30—Australian News. 6.40—New Zealand News. 6.50—South African News. 7.0—American Sports. 7.5—"Dance and Sing." 7.35—Piping. 7.45—"These You Have Loved." 8.30—Sandy's Half-Hour. 9.0—News. 9.25—"Into Battle." 9.35—"Follies of the Air!" 10.20—"Collector's Corner. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—Close down

DUBLIN MUSICAL SOCIETY

"ROSE MARIE" AT GAIETY

Dublin Musical Society's production of "Rose Marie," at the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin, last night, was a marked advance on anything they have previously done. A great spectacular show, which needs doing on a grand scale, the Society certainly made a most praiseworthy effort to come up to standard. The Totem Pole scene was a riot of colour and movement, the work of the chorus winning unstinted applause as they went through their kaleidoscopic gyrations.

There was a capable team of principals, headed by Eileen Cagney as Rose Marie. In her first appearance in a leading rôle this young Cork soprano showed splendid sense of theatre. That she has the temperament was shown in her convincing acting, and she sang with rare charm. At the moment the voice is not a big one, but it is admirably produced with a delightful freshness and warmth of tone, and she very wisely refrains from forcing it. The famous Indian Love Call was most artistically sung. She had a fine partner in Tom Delaney as her lover, Jim Kenyon. Here was a player who was always filling the *rôle* well. Leo Maguire, familiar for his work in grand opera, was very impressive as the sergeant of the North-West Police, giving a breezy touch well in keeping with the part.

Jennie O'Toole as Lady Jane and Horatio Farmer as Hard-boiled Kenyon provided the comedy touches. Erina Brady, in the important part of the Squaw Wanda, gave a realistic character study. Others in the cast were Pierce O'Shea (Black Eagle), James Britain (Emile), James O'Brien (Hawley), Eileen Malone (Ethel Brander).

All round a very enjoyable show, which will improve as the week goes on.

DUBLIN THEATRES

Royal.—Artistes had a very encouraging reception from a large audience in the final edition of "Round and About" last night. It proved to be one of the best shows in the series, with Miss Maura Griffith, back from a week of opera, giving such splendidly-rendered numbers as "Star of Bethlehem" and "Because." A newcomer who made a very good impression, Mr. Austen Ahearne, of Boyle, drew almost an ovation for his singing of "Solitude" and his piano-accordion selections. Molly O'Connor made another successful appearance, and Frank O'Connor introduced a new and catching recitation with a revised version of the "Garden Where the Praties Grow." Noel Purcell was there again with a clever number arranged on the old song, "Me and My Shadow." The dances of the Violettes were extremely attractive, and Eddie Byrne began the last week of "Double or Nothing" in refreshed wisecracking style.

The film is "The Female Wins."

Queen's.—Comedy, songs and haunting orchestral items abound in this week's attractive and diversified Queen's Theatre programme. Dan Gibbons in a sketch brimful of light comedy, together with the Brennan Sisters in songs written and composed by himself, was a prime favourite with appreciative audiences. The Arizona Boys in songs on the guitar also made a direct appeal to the house. Martin Crosby, a Dublin workingman, revealed himself as a pleasing tenor in popular numbers. Local talent again was to the fore.

Olympia.—The only complaint that might be made about the new Harry Bailey show at the Olympia, "This Is It," is that there is almost too much supporting talent. Good though some of it is, one would like an even more generous helping of Mr. Bailey himself, either as a comic acrobat, a trick violinist, or as a cross-talk comedian. The cast includes a very good new tenor, Jillie Fox, who should prove very popular; Paddy Tyrell, Silvio and his harp, the Hughes Sisters, Jesson and Farrelly, Eileen Clifford, Jackie Walshe, and Jonston and Fitzpatrick.

Abbey.—Lennox Robinson's plays, "Church Street" and "The Clancy Name," continue their successful run at the Abbey. The cast in "Church Street" includes Maureen Delany, Eileen Crowe, Ria Mooney and F. J. McCormick. In "The Clancy Name," Brid Ni Loinsigh, Denis O'Dea, Brian O'Higgins, May Craig, and Ml. J. Dolan appear.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Plenty of holly, but no transport; "some" mistletoe; a fair supply of Christmas trees, but a shortage of tinsel—this is the position facing those intent on getting the Christmas accessories so plentiful in pre-war days. The presence of mistletoe pays tribute to the far-sighted shopkeeper who has been negotiating to obtain some for months, and who is waiting for further supplies to arrive. Crackers are plentiful, as was foreshadowed some months ago by the *Irish Times*, and their prices are not too high. There will be little fruit, apart from apples, but a limited quantity of pears have been stored since late summer, and will be available.

U.C.D. NOTES

"THE UNQUIET SPIRIT"

BY OUR CORRESPONDENT.

THE Dramatic Society has declared its intention of staging its first production of the session about the first week in February. The play chosen this time is "The Unquiet Spirit," by Jean Jacques Bernard. The theme is, we understand, closely allied to Maeterlinck's "Bluebird," and is based on the topic of reincarnation. The leading parts as cast will be taken by Miss Kathleen Ryan, Miss Gloria Walsh and Messrs. Niall Lawlor, Michael O'Beirne and John Horan. The producer is Mr. Thomas Woods, and technicalities are in the hands of Messrs. E. O'Brien-Moran and Colm O'Laoghaire. The choice of play is scarcely calculated to have much popular appeal, and is a furtherance of the Society's policy of seeking after the unusual. We wish every success to the Society in this ambitious undertaking.

Inquiries, discreet and otherwise, have been made about the possibility of a "National Student" making its appearance this term. While there have been several Gaelic literary productions, with the exception, and it is scarcely one, of the "National Rooster," no English magazine has been published in College since the beginning of the academic year. It would appear that Mr. Jack Hoey is the director and Mr. Niall Lawlor the editor of the "Student," which is, or should be, pending. It is more than likely that much difficulty is being experienced in the getting of paper, but this is not sufficient reason for the "Student's" total failure to appear, when so many other magazines of a similar nature are carrying on even in mutilated forms. It has been further rumoured that the appeal for contributions, even on a paying basis, has produced scarcely any matter of worth. This, indeed, if it is true, is a more serious reason for its unwanted delay in appearing, and one which reflects little glory on the *littérateurs* of College.

There was a distinctly seasonal spirit of gaiety abroad last week. On Thursday night the Spanish Society held a "Fiesta" in "86," admission to which was confined to those who possessed an invitation and were willing to part with one shilling. The proceedings were moderately Spanish in nature and markedly in the spirit of fiesta.

On Saturday night the German Society held its *Weihnachtsfest*, which consisted of tea, singing and, to quote from its own advertisements, other amusements. Although the setting of this, that of the Annexe in Earlsfort terrace, is inferior to that of "86," it may be said to have rivalled the "Fiesta" as end-of-term entertainment.

The Boxing Club distinguished itself at the three-cornered Novices' Tournament, held last Thursday night between College, Trinity and the College of Surgeons. Out of eight bouts, in which College boxers took part, they had six wins. Of these, W. Brew gave a very promising performance, while D. O'Brien showed more style in his fighting than is usually found in novice ranks.

METHODIST CHURCH

The monthly meeting of the Standing Committee of the Methodist Church in Ireland was held in the Centenary Church, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, the President, the Rev. Beresford S. Lyons (Belfast), presiding. The Committee expressed its sympathy with some of its members who have been ill, and with the Rev. J. A. Duke, B.A., on bereavement in his family. It also congratulated the Rev. T. McCracken, M.B., on having secured the Diploma of Psychological Medicine. Reports concerning the progress of the Forward Movement work was given by the Rev. John England and the Rev. J. N. Spence. Satisfactory reports concerning the working of canteens on Methodist premises were presented. The report on educational affairs presented by the Rev. R. Lee Cole, M.A., B.D., was approved.

It was decided that the interim Committee should meet early in the new year to consider the question of the number of ministers and laymen to constitute the Conference of 1943 and matters affecting the stationing of ministers, and to report to the meeting of the Standing Committee, which will be held on Friday, 15th January.

Quite a number of the Methodist churches in Dublin have recently had either a gift day or a sale of work. Centenary Church, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin led the way. Its gift day for overseas missions realised £330. Rathmines sale of work for overseas missions and church funds made £290. Rathgar gift day for overseas missions brought in £225. Blackrock gift day resulted in a total of £90. Sandymount Church, anxious to clear off the balance of the debt on its buildings and circuit fund, amounting to £450, had a gift day on the Sunday, which brought in £300, and a sale of work on the following Saturday, which brought in a further £200.

Among the invitations recently given and accepted is that of Ballynafeigh Circuit, Belfast, to the Rev. Bertram G. East, to return there in 1945, at the conclusion of his five years' term on the Knock Circuit.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

An organ and vocal recital of Advent and Christmas music was given last night by Mr. F. C. J. Swanton, F.R.C.O., and Mr Robert McCullough, tenor, at St. Matthias' Church, Adelaide road, Dublin. The proceeds of the recital, which was well attended, are in aid of the Missions to Seamen.

An attractive and representative selection of items was chosen, among them being "Largo," from "A Sea Symphony," by Vaughan Williams; Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, Handel's "Occasional Overture," and preludes by Parry, Dupre and Swanton. Christmas music included a fantasia on Christmas carols, "The First Noel" and "Good King Wencesias"; Jean Langlais's Poeme Evangelique, "La Nativite," and Widor's popular Toccato, from the Fifth Symphony.

Mr. Robert McCullough's items included selections from Mendelsohn, Sullivan, and a group of Christmastide solos.

WEDDING

SMYLY—HILDRICK.—The wedding took place yesterday, at St. Ann's Church, Dublin, of Dr. Philip Crampton Smyly, son of Sir Philip Crampton Smyly and the late Lady Aileen Smyly, and Miss Mary Evelyn Hildrick, daughter of the late Captain S. J. Hildrick and of Mrs. Hildrick, Dunluce, Sutton, Co. Dublin. The Service was conducted by the Rev. (Canon J. Powell, assisted by Archdeacon Sullivan. The bride, who was given away by Dr. A. E. Layng, was attended by her cousin, Miss Joan Morgan. Dr. G. S. Prince was best man, and the ushers in the church were Mr. V. O. Stewart, Mr. A. R. B. Jackson and Mr. D. P. Smyly. After a reception held at the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Smyly left for the South of Ireland.

THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	9.34	9.35
Sets	5. 7	5. 7
Lighting-up Time.	5.37	5.37

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Morning	6.36	7.51
Evening	6.55	8. 8

CRUISKEEN LAWN

By Myles na gCopaleen

Cad chaipe an tullish, Mossie, dohully.

Sotar bán geal.

(Sotar geal?) Cá rotar geal maiseo-leon acc nil ruo (an dic) (an comhan) (tautology there) com dear le rotur dub.

Féac gur rugadh agaim na reannaiocca, Lumière méme, dans la ville lumière. Dá bhuig rin, Electri-city an sub-title oiriúnac Déarla.

Agur Saeilg?

Nil nov ar dic nac dtuarclocaid an t-iongancar rin—Duinnin.

Cá focal "aible" ann, acá Gaolta le "aibléir." Agur ir anagram (beagnac) ar "baile" an focal "aible."

Anoir cuir an rotur ar, Mossie, go cionn tamaillin, go ndéanaim badca meadhrúice.

cliste is ceisteanna

Mura mbíonn cárc orm, cad eile fór nac mbíonn orm?

Tuairc.

Cá'n árc ir fura fuineadh?

I n-aice na mine.

Cé head fiom dá mbíonn amuig i mBéarla?

Maigdean aerach.

Cé'n tom-

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Announcements in this Column (which in all cases must be authenticated) are charged at the rate of 1/- per line (minimum 3/-).

BIRTHS.

HOEY—Friday, December 11, 1942, to Beana, wife of J. F. Hoey, Victoria terrace, Laytown, a son (stillborn).

LOMBARD—December 11, 1942, at 13 Lower Hatch street, to Rosamond, wife of Lieutenant John N. Lombard, 8th Hussars, a son.

SIBLEY—December 8, 1942, at the Rotunda Hospital, to Sophie, wife of William Sibley, 6 Belmont Villas, Donnybrook, a son.

DEATHS.

BELL—December 13, 1942 (suddenly), Elizabeth, beloved wife of John Bell, The Gardens, Sandford Hill, Ranelagh, and daughter of the late Galbraith and Ann Jane Stewart, of Inver, Co. Donegal. Service to-morrow (Wednesday) morning at Sandford Church, 9.30 o'clock, afterwards to Mount Jerome. No flowers, by request. "For ever with the Lord."

BROWN—December 14, 1942, at Eastwood, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow, Mary Brown, in her 84th year. Funeral private.

CAITHNESS—December 12, 1942, at Fermanagh County Hospital, Enniskillen, Rev. F. St. Clair Caithness. Funeral, 2 o'clock, to-day (Tuesday) at Clabby Churchyard.

CARTER—December 14, 1942, at Royal City of Dublin Hospital, in her 81st year, Ellen Elizabeth, widow of John Carter, and fourth daughter of the late John Coates, Esquire, J.P., Tankersley, Co. Wicklow. Funeral to Preban to-morrow (Wednesday).

CARTWRIGHT—December 12, 1942, at New Dove House, Hatch End, Middlesex, Major Frederick Steward Cartwright, J.P. (late Connaught Rangers), eldest surviving son of the late William George Cartwright, D.L., J.P., of Springfield, Newport, Mon., and Fairwater, Glamorgan.

CORBETT—December 13, 1942, at her residence, Willmount, Ennis road, Limerick, Miss Elizabeth Corbett, second daughter of the late William Corbett, C.E. R.I.P. Remains were removed to St. Munchin's Church yesterday (Monday) evening. Requiem Mass at 10.30 a.m. to-day (Tuesday). Funeral to Mount St. Laurence at 11.30 a.m.

CULLEN—December 13, 1942, at his residence, 6 Wellington Gardens, Oakley road, Dublin, John J. Cullen. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing family. R.I.P. Funeral, after 9 o'clock Mass, this (Tuesday) morning from Rathmines Church to Glasnevin.

CUSSEN—December 14, 1942, Charles Parker Cussen, late of 174 Rathgar road and 49 Grafton street, Dublin. Funeral, after 10 o'clock Mass, to-morrow (Wednesday) from the Church of the Three Patrons to Mount Jerome Cemetery. R.I.P.

DOYLE—December 12, 1942, Thomas L. Doyle, 29 Palmerston Gardens. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and family, and large circle of friends. Funeral (strictly private) to Dean's Grange, after 9 o'clock Mass, Church of Three Patrons, Rathgar, to-day (Tuesday).

FERGUSSON KELLY—December 14, 1942, at Monkstown Hospital, Olive Marion, wife of the late Captain Alwin W. Fergusson Kelly, dearly loved daughter of Mrs. Charles H. Coleman, 4 Clareville road, Rathgar. Funeral to-morrow (Wednesday), at 10 o'clock, to Dean's Grange Cemetery.

FRIZELL—December 11, 1942, at a Dublin Nursing Home, John Percival, last surviving son of the late Charles Frizell, of Castle Kevin, Anamore, in his 81st year.

GRIFFIN—December 13, 1942, Evelyn, wife of Canon Griffin. Funeral from Ennis Church to-morrow (Wednesday), at 12. No flowers, please.

HOEY—December 13, 1942, at Dublin nursing home, Sabina (*née* Callow), wife of J. F. Hoey, Victoria terrace, Laytown. Deeply regretted. Requiem Solemn High Mass, at 10.30, at St. Mary's, Drogheda, to-day (Tuesday). Funeral afterwards to Calvary Cemetery, Drogheda.

MASON—December 13, 1942, at a Dublin nursing home, Mary Teresa, widow of the late John Acton Mason, of 12 South King street, Dublin. Funeral leaving Westland row, 10.30 a.m., to-day (Tuesday) to Mount Jerome. R.I.P.

McCOWEN—December 11, 1942, at 14 Browning avenue, Boscombe, William Henry McCowen (late of Tralee, Co. Kerry), aged 80. No flowers, no mourning, no letters, please.

McGAHAN—December 13, 1942, at Jervis Street Nursing Home, Dublin, Patrick McGahan. May he rest in peace. Funeral to St. Mary's, Castleblayney, took place yesterday (Monday), at 5 p.m. Interment, after 11 o'clock Requiem Mass, to-day (Tuesday).

MONCRIEFF—December 14, 1942, at his residence, Pallas, Abbeyshrule, Thomas Moncrieff. Funeral to Forgney to-morrow (Wednesday), 2 o'clock (S.T.).

SLOAN—December 14, 1942, at the Fermanagh County Hospital, Enniskillen (the result of an accident), George Sloan, Sydare, Ballinamallard, late of Hazelpit, Mountrath, Straffan, Kildare. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and family.

TELFORD—November, 1942, killed on active service, Purcell Telford, Private, R.A.M.C., aged 25, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Telford, and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Greening. Deeply regretted; to know him was to love him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this Column will be found on Page 3.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Miss O'Connell FitzSimon returns sincere thanks to the many kind friends who sympathised with her in her recent sorrow, and also to those who sent Mass cards.

IN MEMORIAM.

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W. J. GREY,
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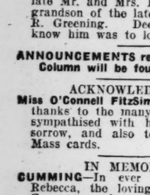

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